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Defiant Major fights on for a year



Major: "Don't think I'm going to surrender"

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

A BATTERED but defiant John Major declared yesterday that he would lead the Conservatives on a long haul into the next General Election and beyond.

Thursday's local election results were among the worst for any governing party, leaving the Tories wiped out in several parts of the country. But the outcome was still not the cataclysm that would have had MPs calling for Mr Major to go, and many concluded that any lingering doubts over his future had been removed.

Instead, they were arguing either that Mr Major, with his proven campaigning skills, represented the

choose to go to the country until the last possible moment next May although events may yet force an

Mr Major acknowledged that as he prepared his party for a year-long campaign, saying: "We have taken difficult decisions. We have had the political pain. The rewards are on their way. I intend to stay here until the rewards are there." He then began to sketch out the

battleground on which he hopes the Conservatives will turn the tide. He disclosed that he hopes to close the

best hope of turning round Labour's massive lead, or that any attempt to force a change would lead the party into a possibly terminal civil war.

The results also convinced them that the Prime Minister cannot to suppose the European issue, which has the European issue, which has the prime Minister cannot to suppose the European issue, which has the final results were declared. the European issue, which has caused him so much internal trouble, and the constitution to expose what he calls Labour's threat to the

> But as Mr Major went on to the offensive, senior MPs rejected ministers' claims that the Tories were on the way back. Sir George Gardiner, from the Right, called the results pretty appalling and Quentin Da-vies, from the Left, described them

> as extremely depressing. And there were few signs of a truce on Europe, with rightwingers urging Mr Major to adopt a harder

vesterday, it was confirmed that the Conservatives had lost well over half the seats they contested. They lost 567 seats, while Labour gained 459 and the Liberal Democrats 147. Overall, Labour won 43 per cent of the vote, the Conservatives 27 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 26. Paddy Ashdown's strategists voiced delight at evidence that the electorate was becoming more adept in tactical voting and predicted a substantial increase in their current tally of 25 MPs at the next election. Tony Blair, who warned his party against complacency, attacked the Conservatives for their "arrogant" response to the vote. He described the result as "spectacular" and said that Labour had taken a huge step on the road to victory. One of his sweetest successes came at Basildon, as Essex Man deserted the Tories; others included Hertsmere, Southampton, North Hertfordshire,

Rochdale, Trafford and Oldham. For Mr Ashdown the prize was once true-blue Tunbridge Wells, and he also captured Wokingham. Hastings, Poole and Woking. The Conservatives were wiped out in 21 councils, including Oxford, Harlow, Slough, Stevenage, Hereford and Manchester, and there are now 50 authorities across the country with no Conservative members.

Mr Ashdown said that the Tories had lost he moral authority to govern. "This Government has now ended as an effective force. It is dead on its feet. It has no leader worth the name, no direction which is detect-

able and no purpose to serve."
But Mr Major insisted that the benefits of economic recovery would soon be felt. He told the BBC the outlook was the best for many years. "Don't think I am going to throw it away, because I'm not. And don't think I'm going to surrender it to anyone else - because I'm not."

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Tug-of-love Zulu boy sent home to his family

By JOANNA BALE

A TEN-YEAR-OLD Zulu boy last night to be reunited with his natural parents after the white woman he had come to regard as his mother lost an extraordinary custody battle to keep him.

scenes at the Official Solicitor's office in London as Sifiso Mahlangu bade farewell to his white 'adoptive' mother Salome Stopford, 50, and two of her three daughters.

The boy was then handed over to Mrs Stopford's former maid, Selina Mahlangu, 30, who had arrived in London from Johannesburg earlier in the day. Mother and son then boarded a BA flight to Johannesburg, where they will be reunited today with the boy's father, Charles, and sister. Before the plane took off, he

pleaded: "I really don't want to go. I want to stay in Britain with my family and friends. It isn't fair that the courts have not listened to me."

Sifiso has been brought up by Mrs Stopford since he was a baby and his mother worked as her maid in South Africa. While his parents lived in servants' quarters, he stayed in the five-bedroom house on a seven-acre estate in Brakspan. near Johannesburg. Mrs Stopford said:"I just wanted this child to have everything my kids had. He was such a dear little thing and we loved

him so much."

Mrs Stopford's broker husband died in 1991, and when she decided a year later to move to London, she offered to take Sifiso, then six, with her.

The Mahlangus said they agonised over the decision but could not turn down the offer of a good education in a peaceful environment, especially as in 1992 South Africa

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was in political turmoil. "My wife had no idea where Engwas, but we thought we would be closing the door for the child of we refused him this chance," Mr Mahglangu said. The couple claim that letters

up in 1994, promised visits were not forthcoming, and that early in 1995 he learnt that Mrs Stopford had begun adoption proceedings. Mrs Stopford says Sifiso's

that parents showed little interest in the boy until after a magazine offered them money for their story and encouraged them to light for custody. Westminster social services

became aware of Sifiso's circumstances in 1994. They op-posed the adoption and Sifiso was made a ward of court. Mrs Stopford says that so-

cial workers in one report accused her of treating Sifiso like a "much beloved pet" and sent a social worker to South Africa to talk to his family. Mr Mahlangu contacted the Black Sash, a South African civil rights organisation, which put him in touch with a lawyer and paid his legal bills.

Last year the High Court ordered that the boy should be returned to South Africa to rediscover his Zulu roots after a two-year rehabilitation period, during which he was to visit his natural parents and prepare himself for living with them permanently.

Mrs Stopford appealed but in March this year, the Appeal Court ruled that it was in his best interests to return immediately. Lord Justice Ward and Justice Neill came to their "difficult and anxious" decision after acknowledging that it could cause him psychological harm — a psychiatrist said that Sifiso may never recover from the trauma of being separated from his

white "mother". The Appeal Court ruling was upheld by three law lords



A tearful Salome Stopford clutching Sifiso Mahlangu after one of many court hearings in her fight to keep the boy

at a private hearing last Friday and Mrs Stopford was ordered to send Siliso back immediately. Yesterday her barrister. Allan Levy. QC. made a final attempt to stay the order by attempting to take the case to the Europe. But two senior judges rejected a direct request from the President of the European Commission on

sending him back. Shortly after two o'clock. Mrs Stopford left the Official Solicitor's office in tears after handing Sifiso over. The boy had taken all his possessions including an orange bicycle and various toys. He left an hour later with his natural mother but without the toys:

he had been told that he could

take only a few clothes.

Mrs Stopford said last night: "I am heartbroken. I have lost my son and my daughters their little brother. It is all so unjust because he does not want to go."

Sifiso last saw his parents last summer when he stayed with them for a month. He said afterwards: "They live in one room and I had to sleep in

and sister, while my father slept on the floor. I had to bathe in a bucket and use an outside toilet. And when I went to visit my grandmother, I had to sleep on a cow dung floor, look after cattle and fetch water from a well. I prefer my home and family in London because it is nicer."

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With more than 1.6 million readers a day. The Times recorded the highest increase in readership of any broadsheet national newspaper in the six months to March. Average readership was up by 110,000 a day, an increase of 7 per cent. Readership of The Daily Telegraph fell by more than 200,000 (8 per cent) and of The Independent by

162,000 (17.5 per cent).

Chilly prospects for Bank Holiday

By ADAM FRESCO

Human Rights to postpone

TENS OF THOUSANDS of Britons headed abroad yesterday for the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

For those staying at home, temperatures were not expected to exceed IOC (50f), and motoring organisations last night reported heavy traffic on all the major routes, but no large jams.

Keith Betton, a spokesman

for the Association of British Travel Agents, said about 250,000 people were going abroad. "Spain and Portugal are favourite destinations and many people are also taking a city break, with Paris, Amsterdam, Venice and Rome popu-

Stena, the ferry company, said it would be busier than normal, carrying about 100,000 on its continental routes this weekend and about

50,000 on its Irish Sea crossings. The AA expected nearly five million drivers to take to the roads over the weekend.

Lynn Healey, a spokeswornan, said: "If it does turn out nice over the weekend then you can expect heavy traffic to the coastal areas." But forecasters are predicting an Arctic chill, with some showers.

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5,000 jobs go in insurance merger

Up to 5,000 jobs are to go in the biggest shake-up in the insurance industry for more than a decade after Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance announced plans to merge.

The new company - Royal Sun Alliance — will be the biggest general insurer in Britain, with 16 per cent of the market. It will be twice the size of its nearest rival, General Accident Page 23

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Outcry after Cantona kick fan is freed By Richard Duce MAGISTRATES, police offiwhich would have meant leaving jail tomorrow.

cers and MPs last night condemned the release of Matthew Simmons, the football hooligan, after just 20 hours of a seven-day jail sentence imposed for attacking a solicitor in court.

But the Prison Service, which authorised the release, said that it would have been unlawful to hold Simmons longer. Simmons, 21, was jailed for contempt after an attack on the solicitor who had successfully prosecuted him for goading the footballer, Eric Cantona, who responded with a kung fu-style kick.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, described the release of Simmons after such a short period in jail as "risible" and said the magistrates could have imposed a tougher penalty. This was a serious assault on a prosecutor," he said.

Like any prisoner serving

under 12 months. Simmons was eligible for automatic unconditional release after serving half his sentence

Because the 1982 Criminal Justice Act requires the Prison Service to release on the preceding Friday anyone whose sentence ends on a Saturday or Sunday, he was Surrey yesterday. The Prison Service would have been acting unlawfully to have held him until Tuesday, the next day on which inmates are released.

Simmons was jailed by Croydon magistrates at 3pm on Thursday for an obvious and serious" contempt when he launched an astonishing courtroom assault on Jeffrey McCann, the prosecuting soli-Continued on page 2, col 1

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Beef farmers take Europe to court

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS and meat exporters launched a legal challenge to the European Union's ban on British beef yesterday. Their High Court action came as the Government's planned slaughter of cattle over 30 months old ran into deeper trouble.

Mr Justice Turner said the challenge required a ruling from the European Court of Justice on whether the export ban, imposed after the BSE scare, was disproportionate and a misuse of power under the Treaty of Rome. The challenge was initiated by the National Farmers' Union, but the judge allowed the International Meat Trade Association and the British Association of Sheep Exporters to make their own appeals because of the knock-on effect on all meat

The NFU will lodge its appeal with the European court next week, arguing that the ban, which has halted exports worth £600 million a year, was illegally imposed in an attempt to allay consumer panic and not because of a scientifically proven risk

to human health. At home, the cattle cull may not get fully under way for a further week or more. Livestock auctioneers are threatening legal action because they say the scheme is weighted unfairly against them. Supermarkets have caused further delay by refusing to take beef from abattoirs that also slaughter the older cattle.

Martin Burtt, a farmer in North Yorkshire who chairs the NFU's livestock committee, said: "It is frustrating. We should be up and running by now, but nothing is happening. The Ministry of Agricul-ture is behaving like Pontius Pilate and washing its hands of the whole

"We need a central co-ordinating body, such as the Meat and Livestock Commission, to take charge of the allocation of animals for slaughter, otherwise we could face chaos if everyone offers their animals at once. But the Government says it is up to

the industry to sort out its own problems."

The £630 million slaughter scheme should have begun on Wednesday. The Intervention Board, the Government agency administering it, has licensed 105 auction markets as collection points and 44 abattoirs to slaughter them.

Scotland yesterday became the only place in Britain to report the slaughter of animals over 30 months, at an abattoir in Larkhall. Slaughterhouses and markets elsewhere said they still had no clear instructions.

Auctioneers are furious because they calculate that farmers will get up to £100 an animal more in compensation if they send over-age bullocks directly to an abattoir than if they send them to slaughter via an auction market and are paid liveweight.

Jim Watson, managing director of Midland Marts, which owns the Banbury market in Oxfordshire, the biggest in the country, said: "This is grossly unfair to auction markets which are already in dire financial straits. We are taking legal advice and are considering slapping an injunction on the Ministry of Agriculture unless they agree to top up the

liveweight payment."

Tony Baldry, the junior Agriculture Minister, said there were still many logistical problems to overcome. The biggest bottleneck was limited rendering plant capacity.

Crown rule let Howard off hook over Lewis

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD was able to avoid admitting the wrongful dismissal of Derek Lewis as Director-General of the Prison Service because of a legal technicality. However, the Home Office faces a bill of about £300,000 in compensation and costs after agreeing a payoff for Mr Lewis.

A letter from the Treasury Solicitors to Mr Lewis's lawyers said that the Home Office could not admit sacking him, in breach of his contract, "due to the constitutional position of the Crown". It added: "It is accepted that, but for that position, your client's employment was terminated otherwise than in accordance with the terms of his contract. Accordingly ... my client is willing to compensate Mr Lewis upon the basis of dam-ages for wrongful dismissal."

The huge size of the bill to the taxpayer emerged yesterday when it was confirmed that Mr Lewis had won a payoff of £220,000. The Government must meet its own costs and Mr Lewis's legal bills of about £50,000 under the terms of the settlement. It has also promised to pay him an additional £20,000 if the Inland Revenue rules that he is not entitled to receive £30,000 of his payout tax-free.



Mary King, who won a team gold at the European three-day event championships in Rome last September when secretly pregnant, showed off her daughter, Emily, aged three months, at Badminton yesterday. Sport, Page 43

Thousands are lottery addicts, says Camelot

Camelot admitted for the first time yesterday that thousands of people could be addicted to playing the National Lottery. Louise White, public affairs manager for the lottery operator, told a conference in Edinburgh that a small percentage of people "are unfortunately spending more than they should" on the draw.

After her speech, she accepted that even a tiny proportion of players could run into many thousands. She also agreed that there was greater concern about scratchcards, with 18 million Instants games sold weekly.

New top judge soon

A new Lord Chief Justice will be appointed within weeks after the announcement that Lord Taylor of Gosforth is suffering from cancer and is to retire early. As tributes to Lord Taylor flowed in yesterday, Lord Justice Rose, 59, the only other serving judge who has publicly attacked Michael Howard over his tougher sentencing plans, was being strongly tipped to succeed him.

Al Fayed acquires Viva!

Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, has bought the ailing all-women radio station Viva! for £3 million. It follows his acquisition of the satirical magazine Punch, which is due to be relaunched in September. Stewart Steven, the chairman of Mr Al Fayed's Liberty publishing company, said it would invest in Vival to make it a "profitable and successful London-based radio station".

Burns victim has baby

Debbie Garbutt. 32, of Loftus, Cleveland, who is seriously ill in hospital after a house fire that killed her daughter, gave birth to a 3lb 3oz girl by Caesarean section. The fire left Mrs Garbutt with 70 per cent burns and her condition in hospital was described resterday as crisical. Her daughter, Jade, aged four, died in the fire on Monday. The baby is said to be doing well.

Sex assault GP jailed

Or Magdy Omar, a medical adviser to the Egyptian Government, was jailed for six months by Wood Green denied the charge. Omar, 50, of Southacre, northwest London, was the sole practitioner at Hampstead Medical Centre, which closed six weeks ago. He now faces a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Council.

Players deny corruption

The footballers Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashann and Hans Segers yesterday devied charges of attempting to fix match results. Appearing with them at Winchester Crown Court was Heng Suan, a Malaysian also known as Richard Lim. The full trial, expected to last six weeks, is likely to start

Attacker free after a night Times names

Continued from page 1 citor. Mr McCann had successfully prosecuted Simmons for goading Cantons, the Manchester United footballer, into his now infamous kung fu-style kick at the Crystal Palace ground, south London,

in January last year. The Magistrates' Association said prison governors could have kept Simmons in jail for a second night. It added that a recent Home Office directive said prisoners could be released on Saturdays - and expressed surprise that Highdown authorities

had not taken advantage of it. Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents Association, said Simmons's release highlighted the "ludi-crous" way the criminal justice system had developed. "It sends the wrong signals and a lot of people must just think it

Lady Olga Maitland, Con-servative MP for Sutton and Cheam, said she would be tabling a Commons question next week about "this outra-geous situation".

Even in jail, Simmons en-joyed a brief notoriety when prison officers discovered he was attempting to bring in cash in his socks. It is illegal to bring money into prison. Simmons avoided reporters outside the jail at llam. He was believed to have been brought out in the back of a

Back at the family home in Thornton Heath, south London, his mother Jackie and brother David refused to comment. Simmons stayed away from the terraced house but spake to his solicitor. Sonia Simms, on the telephone. She said he was surprised to have been released so early and was still considering an appeal against his convic-

behaviour. Neither Mr McCann. 56. nor his wife Mavis would comment on Simmons's early release. However a family friend when told of the news, said: "Oh, no. What, this

morning? It is incredible."

cub reporters TODAY 1015. The Times's weekly magazine for young readers, introduces the six

winners of its Young Report-ers Competition. Each will have the opportunity to join journalists from The Times and to write for 1015. The winners and their chosen subjects are: David Freedland, 14, from Hamilton, Strathclyde (politics): Lowri Llwyd, 12, from Luxembourg (foreign news); Alexa Kellow, 13, from

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tion for threatening words and Rhodes to the City West Sussex (home news); Zoe Gary Rhodes, 35, the television chef regarded as the driving force behind the revival of classic British cooking, is to join Keniston, 15, from Edinburgh (books): Ben White, 12, from South Harrow, London (sport) Gardner Merchant, the contract caterers whose dients and Emma Wales, 15, from include hospitals, industrial canteens and sports events. He Clwyd (music). Zoe Keniston's is to open a restaurant for the company in the City of first article appears today in Leading article, page 19 1015, inside the Magazine.





Margaret Page poses for Brenford Bonadie's camera, left. His wife then joins her for another photograph, in which the water can be seen building up behind them. Five seconds later the two women were swept to their deaths

ctures capture last moments before women drowned

TWO holiday snapshots showed yesterday how a freak wave rushed towards two unsuspecting tourists at a Caribbean waterfall. They were taken by a husband who saw his wife and her best friend swept to their deaths only seconds later.
Josephine Bonadie, 58, and Mar-

garet Page, 48, were halfway through their three-week holiday in St Vincent when the 20ft wave crashed down the Trinity Falls and carried them away. Brenford Bonadie, 65, whose wife of 36 years was buried yesterday, said: "At first it was so calm and beautiful

came from nowhere. It all happened in just a few seconds. All I could do was watch them being thrown into the water.

"I gave Margaret a stick to hold on to, but then she shouted 'Jo' and left to try and help her. I watched in horror as my wife and Margaret were pulled under. I ran down to the water's edge, but there was nothing I could do. I could only watch as they were battered and whisked away. It was beyond my

His brother, Winston, 52, ran to summon help. The bodies of the

stream. "We had been having a wonderful day," he said. "Margaret went and stood on a rock with the waterfall behind her. I snapped a picture of her and then Jo went to join her. They sat down on the rock and Margaret took her hat off. They were both grinning and looking really happy and I took another snap. I didn't notice the water was suddenly surging. I hadn't heard a thing, not even a rumble. There was no warning. It was as if the water had been hiding behind a rock and suddenly surged

over the top and dropped right

behind them." His wife managed to

swim to the edge, but could not

hold on to the slippery rocks below the 150ft falls. Still wearing her sunglasses, she was dragged down. "It all happened so quickly. There was no time for any of us to move before the water lashed down on them," Mr Bonadie said.

British Embassy officials told him that the accident had happened because of heavy overnight rain in the mountains. "When I was a kid in St Vincent and it rained heavily the water used to come from the mountains and fill the rivers," Mr Bonadie said. "But the water would be dirty, so there was some warning. This time the water was clear." Mr Bonadie lived

St Vincent SOUTH AMERICA

with his wife in a bungalow called Josephine's Hideway, in Southampton. They have two grown-up

Mrs Bonadie and Mrs Page described by Mr Bonadie as "like two peas in a pod", had been close friends for about ten years and had

left to set up her own company. They were both excited by the prospect of the holiday, Mr Bonadie said. "Jo had been to the Caribbean before, but Margaret had never been, so it was a really big thing for her." Mrs Page, from Eastleigh, sent a postcard to her neighbour, Diana

worked at the same company in

Southampton before Mrs Bonadie

Mills, the day before she died. Mrs Mills, 42, received it three days after hearing of the deaths, which occurred on Tuesday last week.

I had already cried over Margaret when I first heard she'd gone, but this just brought the tears

flooding back," she said. "It was eerie to think she had posted it only the day before she died." The card read: "Wow - what a place - we are staying in a lovely villa overlooking the whole of Kingstown, St Vincent. Hope to go to Mustique for a couple of days — See you when I get back — probably before this card arrives!! Luv Margaret." Mrs Page, who had a grown-up

son, had been company secretary at Zillwoods Signs for more than 30 years. David Zillwood, a director, said: "Everyone here is devastated. Although Josephine left us, she was always popping in to see Margaret.

Judge bars male gay couple from adopting child

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A HOMOSEXUAL couple's old disabled boy they have spent 18 months caring for was quashed by a judge yesterday. The refusal, despite backing for the couple by social workers and a lawyer acting for the boy, is believed to set a precedent in Scotland.

The 32-year-old male nurse and his 35-year-old partner of ten years, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were refused permission in a writ-Lord Gill in the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

The two men have fostered the boy, who is severely disabled mentally and physically. since November 1994. He has been in the care of Manchester City Council since the age of two months.

Lord Gill said: "The unusual nature of this proposal makes it particularly important that the court should consider whether the child's emotional and psychological needs will be adequately met at each stage of his childhood."

The court heard that the boy's mother, who lives in Manchester and who is not married to the boy's father. has taken no interest in the adoption proceedings and appears to want no further

contact with her son. Last night Jim Murphy, the director of Manchester social services, said the boy would remain with the couple and an appeal was being considered. The child has been with the couple for a considerable length of time and with the full knowledge and agreement of the natural mother. The child

has thrived and made excellent progress. We are satisfied that the child is in a happy. loving and safe environment and, with the child's best interests as our main concern, the placement will continue." The men, who first ap-

proached Strathclyde Region in 1988, were said by social workers to have "a close and loving relationship with the child. The social workers had no hesitation in recommending them as adoptive parents. The application was made in the name of the nurse, because Scottish law allows

only married couples and single people to adopt. He was planning to give up his job and to act as a full-time carer for the boy with the support of his more highly paid partner. Peter Gillam, the Solicitor-Advocate acting for the nurse,

told Lord Gill that as both the social workers and the curator appointed to safeguard the interests of the child supported the application, it should be treated as unopposed and granted.

The curator, an advocate qualified in psychology, said the homosexual relationship formed "no bar to the desirability of the adoption", which he recommended.

Lord Gill said the case raised the principle of whether the court should sanction the adoption of a child by a homosexual couple. He ac-knowledged that the boy received, a high standard of physical care but the question of whether the proposal for homosexuals to adopt the child was within the scope of Scottish legislation had not been properly considered.

Court puts monks' fish traps back in business

BY ROBIN YOUNG

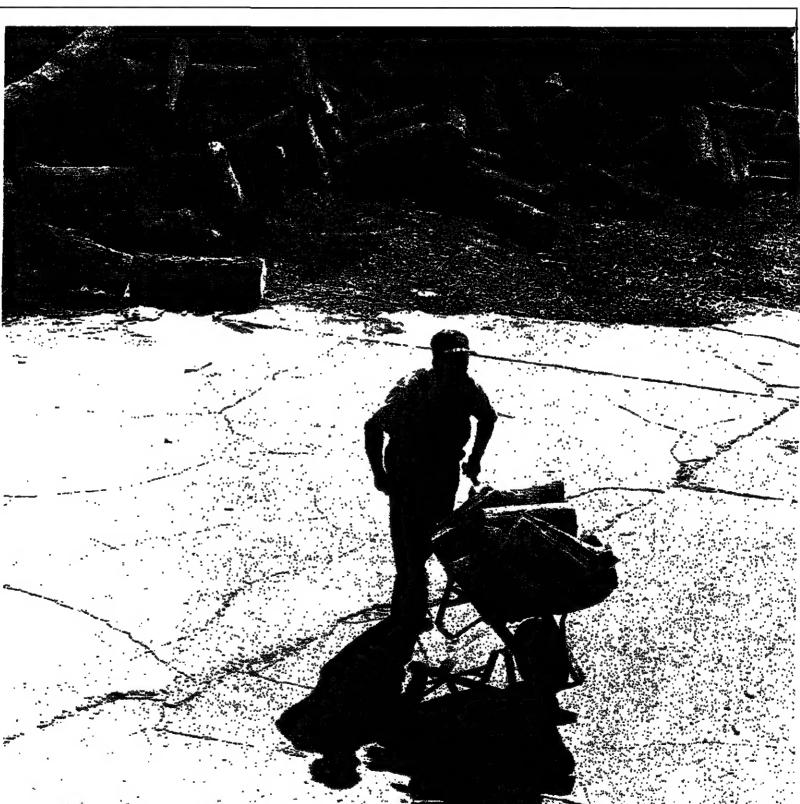
THE new owner of an historic castle in Cumbria won his fight in the High Court yesterday to be allowed to continue catching salmon in 12th century fish traps thought to have been built by monks.

The traps, known as coops. are at Corby Castle near Carlisle and are believed to have been constructed by the monks of Wetheral Priory on the opposite bank of the River Eden. After the dissolution of he monasteries under Henri VIII, the coops became part of the castle estate owned by the

Howard family. Dr Edward Haughey, who bought the castle from the Howards in April 1994, repaired the coops and a sandstone weir near by. But the National Rivers Authority objected to the work and tried to revoke Dr Haughey's licence

to use the coops.
Yesterday Mr Justice
Brooke ruled that the authority had no right to refuse the licence. He said the coops. consisting of two wooden frames angled at 45 degrees with a 9in gap at the apex through which the fish swim. were a "privileged fixed engine" approved by statute during the reign of Edward VI on condition that a 7ft gap was left between them to allow

some salmon to pass through. The NRA, which was ordered to pay costs, claimed that Dr Haughey had forfeited the estate's right to use the coops because his repairs to the weir interfered with the flow of the river and funneled more fish toward them. The judge ruled that this argument was "misconceived".



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After 1,500 lessons, learner takes her test — and fails

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A VETERAN learner driver has failed her first driving test after taking 1,500 lessons over 26 years, at a cost of more than £18,000.

Sue Evan-Jones, 45, a mother of three from Yate, near Bristol, failed because she fluffed the emergency stop; she hit the clutch instead of the brake. The test instructor was even less impressed when she ploughed into coned-off e roadworks and veered into the middle of the road when reversing around a corner.

She has had more than ten instructors, but none has been able to cure the rising panic that overtakes her when she gets behind the wheel. More times than she can remember, the instructors have ended up pleading with her to pull over so that they can get out.

Drivercraft. a driving

school based in Bristol, is now



Sue Evan-Jones: hated the mini-roundabouts

offering free lessons and is determined to help her to pass. Vic Leonard, its managing director, said: "We took her right up until her test. Obviously she failed, but she will pass eventually."

Mrs Evan-Jones admitted: I get very nervous behind the wrong, I just start shaking and my mind goes blank. I don't like mini-roundabouts or reversing round corners because it gets confusing, with the back of the car acting like the front.

Before the test started I felt absolutely terrified and as soon as I missed the emergency stop I went to pieces. I know it has cost me a fortune to get this far, but I won't let it beat me. I'll pass my test soon." Her husband David, 47, a

civilian worker with Avon and Somerset Police, rarely ventures out with her when she is driving. He loses his temper too often. Her instructor, Nick

George, 46, said: "She can definitely pass her test I will go as far as to say I'm sure she will get her licence next time." Mrs Evan-Jones is so confident that she has already bought herself a car. a blue, E-

ACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

Blacklisted schools at risk of failing pupils will be inspected every term

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 2.000 schools on the brink of failing their pupils are to be named and inspected

Ofsted, the school inspections agency, currently identi-fies only the few schools it believes clearly fail to provide a suitable education. Under plans to inspect most of the 24,000 schools in England and Wales every six years instead of four, the 10 per cent believed to be at risk of failing will be named as having "serious

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said the agency had to focus on raising standards, even if that meant highlighting negative aspects: "Surely, in the interests of the children, these schools have to be identified, whatever the potential impact on the morale of the staff and the standing of the school in the community."

Inspections will concentrate on fewer subjects once all schools had had their first Ofsted assessment, Mr Woodhead said. Visits will focus on English, mathematics and science in primary schools and up to another four subjects in secondaries. Schools will be consulted on the part they will play in choosing which four are chosen. Schools will be

unsatisfactory standards in four or more subjects, or unsatisfactory teaching in more than a quarter of les-sons. Other factors to be considered include behaviour, management, value for money, truancy and expul-

Ofsted has named 120 schools as failing - about 2 per cent of those inspected so far. Seven have been taken off the list because they improved and Hackney Downs, east London, was closed on the

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advice of a government team. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said the new arrangements were an "admission of failure" by Ofsted on the original scheme of fouryearly inspections. "Ofsted missed its target for primary inspections by a quarter in 1994-95 and by a third for special schools and has not recovered since. That is the main reason for the change." Mr Woodhead yesterday disLondon boroughs that he showed political bias in putting a negative slant on the final draft of a reading survey. The survey revealed that three quarters of seven-year-olds in the boroughs had reading standards lower than the aver-

age for their age. Mr Woodhead said: "There is a continuing debate as to whether we present the information accurately and honestly. We are quite clear that we do. In re-drafting our reports, I wanted to ensure that the messages which are profoundly important to everyone interested in education are understood. The language therefore is direct and clear. It is not deliberately pillorying

teachers in those boroughs." Tower Hamlets, one of the three councils involved in the Ofsted study, said yesterday that it feared the research had been "hijacked for cynical political reasons". Instead of being used to raise reading standards it now appeared to be being used "as a stick to beat teachers around the head

Abdul Asad, chairman of education in Tower Hamlets, said: "It is a total abuse of the trust and the spirit of cooperation that was created

missed claims by three Dons decry rise in teaching by untrained research staff

By David Charter

TRST-YEAR university stulents are more likely to be aught by untrained senior tudents than by staff, lecturrs said yesterday.

A survey by the Association of University Teachers shows that student numbers have grown faster than the numbers of qualified teaching staff. Research students are paid as little as £2.79 an hour for teaching and lewer than one in three has been trained to teach. The survey concludes: "Anecdotal evidence suggests that, in many institutions, first-year undergraduate courses are almost exclusively taught by research students."

to the Department for Education and Employment, the association acknowledges that teaching duties have long been recognised as giving research students experience. It adds: Their use has clearly gone far beyond a reasonable limit."

David Triesman, general secretary, said: They say that in the country of the blind the one-eyed man is king. But what an absurd principle for recruiting teachers in our leading universities."

□ A teacher-training college which is now part of the University of Lancaster was judged to be failing its students by government inspec-

The former Charlotte Ma-

ment of Teaching and Educa-tion Studies at Lancaster, is the first primary school training centre to be failed by the inspectors. It was given the lowest grade in all four inspection categories.

The inspectors said that a high proportion of students seen were not competent in teaching reading and had significant weaknesses when assessing and recording pupils' progress in English. The mathematics course gave "inadequate coverage" of many

The university must now draw up a recovery plan for the department and present it to the Teacher Training Agency, which may consider removing its accreditation.



Chris Woodhead: said that lowering teachers' morale was a price worth paying

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldier ambushed and robbed of rifle

A soldier was ambushed and robbed of his rifle and motorcycle by a five-strong gang on a remote road in Northumberland. The messenger from the 8th Royal Logistical Corps was taking part in an exercise when the gang drove up alongside him close to Albemarle Barracks. near Heddon-on-the-Wall. Police later recovered the motorcycle and assault rifle from a house in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne. Seven people were arrested.

Rape sentence increased

A nine-year sentence on a rapist was increased to life imprisonment yesterday, when the Court of Appeal upheld an objection by the Attorney-General that the Old Bailey had been "unduly lenient". Orlando Baker, 30, of Earls Court, west London, had been free only two months after a sentence for assault when he trapped a woman in his room at a hostel and raped her six or seven times in two hours.

Challenge to immunity

Windsor and Maidenbead council is to press for the abolition of Crown immunity, by which the Duke of Edinburgh was allowed to fell a stand of ancient oak trees in Windsor Great Park last year without seeking planning permission from the council. Crown immunity is not restricted to the Royal Family and extends to government

Memorial row payout

A couple who claimed that a planned 3ft street memorial to a murdered policeman in Clapham, south London, would devalue their house are to receive £1,400 from Lambeth Borough Council. The Tory opposition claims the money is compensation for public criticism that the couple brought on themselves. PC Patrick Dunne was shot in October 1993 while investigating the killing of a drugs dealer.

Herald admits error

The Catholic Herald apologised yesterday for publishing an article, by the povelist Alice Thomas Ellis, which accused the late Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock, of driving people away from the Church. Harry Coen, assistant editor, said he had made an "error of judgment" in using the article, which he admitted had caused widespread distress.

Advert 'exploits doctors'

Dr 1an White and Dr Robin Russell Jones, consultant dermatologists at London hospitals, have accused a cosmet-ics company of "cynical exploitation" for using their names without permission to promote a moisturiser. Advertisements in women's magazines for Cyclax, made by Worth Fragrances and selling for £3.25 per 100ml tub, said the two doctors had stated that all moisturisers were the same.

Dunblane fund stolen

A fund launched in Aberfan for the victims of the Dunblane massacre has been stolen from the post office. Hundreds of pounds had been raised by the people of the Mid Glamorgan village. Where 144 children were killed whan coal slurry buried their school 30 years ago. Chief Inspector Tommy Page of South Wales Police said: "We're disgusted. It's a diabolical crime."

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Four patients cleared by faulty test told they have Aids virus

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

FOUR people who were wrongly cleared of having the Aids virus by a faulty test have been told they are HIV posi-tive after all. Last night the Health Department said efforts would be made to trace sexual contacts.

"We will advise them to talk to their partners, or a doctor or health visitor would be happy to do it for them," said a

spokesman.

The four were among more than 20,000 people whose blood samples were re-exam-ined after the American-made test, IMX HIVI/HIV2, was withdrawn on March 25. European clinics had reported inaccurate results and a doctor in Portsmouth found it registered negative on a patient with fully developed Aids. It had been used by some NHS laboratories since July 1995, with 23,620 blood samples

registering negative.
The Health Department issued an alert before the Easter Bank Holiday, warning test

patients that they could not ca and Asia. Tom Lawson. rely on the results. Yesterday, Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's

Chief Medical Officer, said that 20,900 samples had been available for refesting: "Four false negative samples have been identified and the indi-viduals have been contacted for further investigations. I would like to extend my sym-pathies to these individuals in what must be a very difficult situation."

Of the 2,720 with no stored samples available, about 800 people checked at NHS clinics were being invited to provide fresh samples. The remaining 1,920 were private tests, mainly for insurance purposes and visa applications and considered to be low risk. The Aids charity, the Ter-

ence Higgins Trust, said responsibility for the errors lay with the Chicago-based manufacturers, Abbott Laboratories. The test has also been used in Europe, South Ameri-

spokesman for the trust, praised the Health Department for ensuring that the retesting was carried out

He added: "This has been a very stressful month for more than 20,000 people which has resulted in very distressing news for these four. It must be absolutely crushing for them and their families, and it could have tragic implications for their sexual partners." Terry Donovan, a specialist

in medical negligence and HTV law at London solicitors Bolts Burden, said anyone affected by failures in the test could have a case against the manufacturers: "Those who have potentially the largest claims are the partners of the four who may have become infected as a result. But they would have to prove a breach of the duty of care by showing that the manufacturers weren't as diligent as they should have been."



Members of the Downlands Countryside Management Project and volunteers take an inaugural walk on the Loop's first section yesterday



Walkers start to encircle capital

By Kyle Smith

THE first section of a footpath its creators hope will become the walkers' answer to the M25 opened yesterday. The six-mile section of the

150-mile London Outer Or-bital Path is between Hamsey Green in Surrey and Couls-don South Station. Most of the planned route will be on

ject manager for the Down-lands Countryside Management Project, which has organised staff and volunteers to create the footpath and signposts, believes the Loop could be completed by 2000.

So far about a hundred volunteers have put in 3,000 hours of work on the path. One of them, John Stern, 70, has spent nearly two years on the signpost schedule. "That entailed working out exactly where each signpost had to be placed. I reckon I walked about 400 miles and the route is only 15 miles," he said. Funding support for the first section came mainly

from the Borough of Croydon, the Corporation of London and Tandridge District Council. Plans are already under way for a second path inside the Loop, to be called the Capital Ring.

Acquittal raises doubts on speed camera evidence

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

THOUSANDS of drivers could challenge their speeding convictions after it was discovered that police sometimes enhance evidence from roadside cameras.

The RAC said yesterday that a recent case in which police speed camera evidence was ruled inadmissible by magistrates because photographs were enlarged opened a loophole in the law.

Police have traditionally printed speed camera negatives to a standard format. But sometimes, when number plates have been unclear, the size has been increased. The motoring organisation estimates that enlargement may have taken place in up to 40 per cent of about 40,000 cases in which motorists were convicted using Gatso cameras.

drive by. . Edmund King, the RAC's campaigns manager, said: This case has enormous ramifications for many motorists. While we cannot condone speeding in any circumstances, the evidence brought against motorists must be clear, unequivocal and

"Clearly, if the police are enhancing images taken from

Gatso cameras, then they are tampering with the evidence. We now discover that this type of enhancement or enlargement is widespread among

police forces." The case studied by the RAC was at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court in west London and involved a businessman accused of exceeding a 60mph temporary limit on the M25 in Surrey. His solicitor successfully argued that the picture was enhanced to make the number plates more readable and that evidence produced only directly by the speed camera was admissible.

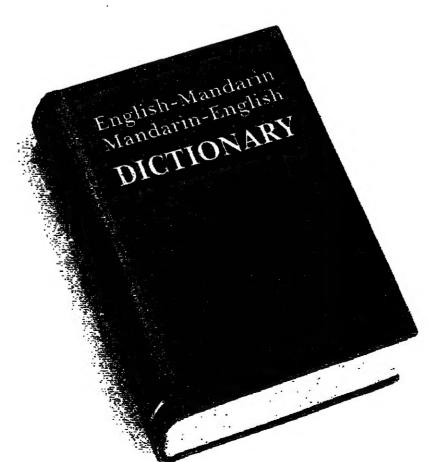
Mr King said that motorists convicted in the same circumstances, who have been charged fixed penalty fines, should contact the police force involved or, in the case of a validity of their convictions.

ly relying on roadside cameras to slow traffic. In Hertfordalong the A505 dropped 46 per cent in 18 months after cameras were installed. They also provide a rich source of income for police: on that same stretch of road, 500 drivers per month are prosecuted, generating £250,000 in fines so far.

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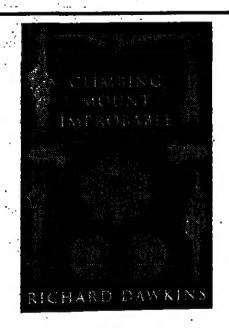
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BRENTWOOD: LD no change LD 7, C 6, Lab 1. LD lose 1, Lab gain 1. New council: LD 25, C 12, Lab 2. BROXBOURNE: C no change C 10, Lab 4. C lose 3, Lab gain 3. New council: C 24, Lab 14, LD 4.

BURNLEY: Lab no change lab 13, LD 2, C 1, Lab gain 4, LD lose 2, C lose 2. New council: Lab 38, LD 8, C 1, Ind 1. CAMBRIDGE: Lab gain from Lab 8, LD 5, C 1. Lab gain 3, C lose 3. New council: Lab 23, LD 18, C 1. CANNOCK CHASE: Lab no change Lab 15, LD 1. Lab gain 4, LD gain 1. C iose 5. New council: Lab 40, LD 2.

CARLISIE: Lab no change Lab 13. C 4, LD 1, Lab gain 3. C lose 3. New council: Lab 33, C 14. LD 3, Ind 1. CHELTENHAM: LD no change LD 10, C 3, Others 1, LD gain, 5, C lose 4, Lab lose 1, New council: LD 34, C 3, Lab 1, Others 3. CHERWELL: Lab gain from NOC Lab 10, C 6, LD 1. Lab gain 6, C lose 7, LD gain 1. New council: Lab 28, C 16, LD 8.

CHESTER: NOC no change Lab 9, LD 7, C 4, Ind 1, Lab gain 4, LD gain 2, C lose 5, Ind lose 1. New council: Lab 27, LD 18, C 14, CHORLEY: Lab no change Lab ii, LD i. C 2, ind i. Lab gain 7. LD gain i. C lose 8. New council: Lab 35, LD 7, C 5, Ind i.

COLCHESTER: LD no change LD 10, Lsb 5, C 4, R 1, LD lose 1, Lab gain 3, C lose 2, New council: LD 33, Lab 15, C 11, R 1. CONGLETON: LD no change LD 8, Lab 4, C 3. LD gain 2, Lob gain 2, C lose 4. New council: LD 28, Lab 11, C 5, Ind 1.

CRAVEN: LD no change LD 5, C 2, Lab 2, Ind 2, C lose 1, Lab gain 1, New council: LD 18, C 6, Lab 6, Ind 4. CRAWLEY: Lab no change Lab 12, C 2, Lab gain 2, Ind lose 2. New council: Lab 28, C 2, LD 2. CREWE & NANTWICH: Lab no change Lab 14, C 3, LD i, Ind 1. Lab gain 5, C lose 6, Ind gain 1. New council: Lab 38, C 15, LD 3, Ind i.

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ELMBRIDGE: NOC no change C 10, R 6, LD 3, Lab 1. C gain 2, R lose 2. New council: C 22, R 20, LD 9, Lab 8, Ind 1. EPPING FOREST: NOC no

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CILLINGHAM: LD no change LD 10, Lab 3, C 1. LD gain 6, Lab gain 1, C lose 6, Ind lose 1. New council: LD 30, Lab 10, C 2. GLOUCESTER: Lab no change Lab 8. LO 1, C 2. Lab gain 5, C lose 4. Ind lose 1. New council: Lab 25, LD 8, C 2.

GOSPORT: LD no change LD 4, Lab 3, C 3, LD lose I, Lab gain 2, C lose 1, New council: LD 17, Lab 7, C 4, Ind 2. GREAT YARMOUTH: Lab no HALTON: Lab no change Lab 16, LD 3, Lab gain 1, C lose 1. New council: Lab 46, LD 7.

HARLOW: Lab no change Lab 15, LD 1. Lab gain 2, C lose 2. New council: Lab 39, LD 3. HARROGATE: LD no change LD 12, C 5, Lab 2, LD gain 4, C lose 3, Lab gain 2, Ind lose 3, New council: LD 44, C 10, Lab 4, Ind 1. HART: NOC no change LD 4, C 6, Ind 1, LD gain 1, C gain 2, Ind lose 3. New council: LD 15, C 12, Ind 8.

HAVANT: NOC no change LD 5, Lab 4, C 4, Ind 1. LD gain 4. C lose 4, New council: LD 20, Lab 11, C 8, Ind 3.

HEREFORD: LD no change LD 8, Lab 1, LD gain 1, C lose 1. New council: LD 23, Lab 4. HERTSMERE: Lab gain from NOC Lab 7, C 3, LD 3, Lab gain 3, C lose 6, LD gain 3. New council: Lab 22, C 8, LD 8, Ind 1. HUNTINGDONSHIRE: C ao change C 15, LD 4. C gain 2, LD gain 1, Lab lose 2, Ind lose 1. New council: C 33, LD 13, Lab 5. Ind 2.

HYNDBURN: Lab no change Lab 14, C 2. Lab gain 8, C lose 7, LD lose i, New council: Lab 44, C IPSWICH: Lab no change Lab 16, C 2. Lab gain 5, C lose 4, Ind lose 1. New council: Lab 41, C 6, LD 1.

LEOMINSTER: Ind no change ind 5, LD 1, Lab 3, C 3, LD lose 2, Lab gain 3, C lose 1, New council: Ind 19, LD 7, Lab 6, C 3, Green 1. MACCLESFIELD: C no change C 14, Lab 4, LD 2, R 1, Lab gain 1, LD lose 1, New council: C 33, Lab 12, LD 11, R 3, Vac 1. MAIDSTONE: NOC no change LD 5, Lab 8, C 5, Ind 2. ID gain 3, Lab gain 3, C lose 6. New council: LD 21, Lab 18, C 11, Ind 5. SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE: Ind MOLE VALLEY: NOC no change LD 6, C 5, Ind 3, Lab 1, LD lose 1, Ind gain 1. New council: LD 19, C 11, Ind 9, Lab 2.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Lab no change Lab 14, LD 4, C 1, Lab gain 5, LD lose 2, C lose 2, Ind lose 1, New council: Lab 42, LD 10, C 4. NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE: Lab gain from NOC Lab 12, C 5, LD 1. Lab gain 6. C lose 6. New council: Lab 27, C 16, LD 6, Ind 1.

NORWICH: Lab no change Lab 14, LO 5. LD gain 1, C lose 1. New council: Lab 37, LD 11. NUNEATON & BEDWORTH: Lab no change Lab 17. Lab gain 3, C lose 3. New council: Lab 42, C 3. OXFORD: Lab no change

Lab 12. LD 3. Green 2. Lab gain 1, LD gain 1, Green gain 2, C lose 4. New council: Lab 39, LD 9, Green PENDLE: LD no change LD 7, Lab 9, C 2. LD gain 2, C lose 2. New council: LD 29, Lab 19, C 3.

PENWITH: NOC no change LD 4, Lab 4, Ind 2, C 1. LD gain 3, Lab gain 4, Ind lose 4, C lose 3. New council: LD 11. Lab 9. Ind 8, C 4, Others 2. PETERBOROUGH: Lab gain from

NOC Lab 10, C 4, Lib 1, LD 1, Ind 1. Lab gain 6, C lose 6, Lib lose 1, LD gain 1, New council: Lab 29, C 13, Lib 3, LD-2, Ind 1. PRESTON: Lab no change Lab 11. C 3, LD 5. Lab gain 1, C lose 5, LD gain 4. New council: Lab 32, C 13, LD 12. PURBECK: NOC no change LD 4, C 3, LD gain 1, C lose 1. New council: LD 11, Ind 5, C 3, Lab 3.

READING: Lab no change Lab 13, LD 2, C 1, Lab gain 3, LD gain 1, C lose 4. New council: Lab 35, LD 6, C 4. REDDITCH: Lab no change Lab 7. C 1, LD 1, Lab gain 2. C los 2. New council: Lab 25, C 3, LD 1. REIGATE & BANSTEAD: NOC 00 change C 6, LD 5, Lab 5, R 2. C lose 3, Lab gain 2, R gain 1. New council: C 15, LD 14, Lab 14, R 4, Ind 2. ROCHFORD: LD no change LD 6, Lab 4, R 2, C 1, LD gain 1, Lab gain 3, R gain 1, C lose 5, New council: LD 23, Lab 11, R 3, C 2,

ROSSENDALE: Lab no change Lab 10, C 2. Lab gain 6, C lose 6. New council: Lab 3 i, C 5. RUGBY: NOC no change Lab 7, C 5, R 1, LD 1, Ind 1, Others 1, Lab gain 3, C lose 2, R lose 1, New council: Lab 22, C 11, R 6, LD 5, Ind 2, Others 2.

RUNNYMEDE: Close to NOC C 9, Lab 3, Ind 2, C lose 2, Lab gain 2, New council: C 21, Lab 14, Ind 6, LD 1. RUSHMOOR: NOC no change LD 6, Lab 5, C 4. LD gain 2, Lab gain 3, C lose 5. New council: LD 18, Lab 14, C 13. ST ALBANS: LD no change LD 10, Lab 4, C 4, LD gain 5, Lab gain 2, C lose 7. New council: LD 39, Lab 11, C 5, Ind 1, Vac 1. SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM: NOC ne change Lab 8, LD 2, C 4, Ind 2, Lab gain 3, C lose 3, New council: Lab 22, LD 13, C 8, Ind 5.

SLOUGH: Lab no change Lab 12, Lib 1, Lab gain 4, Lib lose 1, C lose 2, LD lose 1, New conneil: Lab 36, Lib 3, Ind 1. SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE: NOC no change Lab 10, LD 7, C Z. Lab gain 9, LD gain 3, C lose 12, New council: Lab 24, LD 15, C I I, ind 3. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE:

ind 8. LD 5. Ind lose 2. LD gain 4. C lose 2. New council: Ind 25, LD 13, Vac 1. SOUTH LAKELAND: NOC 10 change LD 6, Ind 2, C 6, Lab 3. LD gain 3. Ind lose 1, C lose 2. New council: LD 24, Ind 12, C 10, Lab 6. COUNCILS

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: NOC DO change LD 6, Lab 6, C 2. LD gain 2, Lab gain 3, C lose 5. New council: LD 18, Lab 12, C 9. Lab 12, LD 1. Lab gain 2, LD gain 1, C lose 2, Soc Dem lose 1. New council: Lab 38, LD 1.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON: NOC 110 change LD 5. C 9. Ind 2, Lab 2, C lose 2. Lab gain 2. New council: LD 24. C 17, Ind 9, Lab 5. STROUD: NOC no change Lab 12. LD 1, C 6, ind 1, Green 1. Lab gain 7, C lose 7. New council: Lab 27, LD 11, C 7, ind 5, Green 4,

SWALE: NOC no change LD 7, Lab 6, C 2, Ind 1. LD gain 3. Lab gain 5, C lose 8. New council: LD 23, Lab 19, C 6, Ind 1. TAMWORTH: Lab no change Lab 9, Ind 1. Lab gain 4, Close 4. New council: Lab 27, Ind 3.

TANDRIDGE: NOC no change LD 4, C 7, Lab 3, LD gain 1, C lose 4, Lab gain 3. New council: LD 19, C 16, Lab 7. THREE RIVERS: NOC no change LD 7, C 6, Lab 3. LD gain 3, C lose 4, Lab gain 1. New council: LD 23, C 17, Lab 8.

THURROCK: Lab no change Lab 15. Lab gain 4. C lose 2, Ind lose 2. New council: Lab 38, C I, TUNBRIDGE WELLS: LD gala LD 8, C 8, Lab 1. LD gain 4, C lose 5, lab gain 1. New council: LD 27, C 14. Lab 6, Ind 1.

WATFORD: Lab no change Lab 7, LD 3, C 2. LD gain 2, C lose 2. New council: Lab 21, LD 9, C 6. WAVENEY: Lab no change Lab 15, C 1, LD 1, Lab gain 7, C lose 7. New council: Lab 44, C 2, LD 2.

WELWYN HATFIELD: Lab no change Lab 12, C 4. Lab gain 3, C lose 3. New council: Lab 31, C 16. WEST LANCASHIRE: Lab no Lab 12, C 6. Lab gain 3, C lose 3. New council: Lab 35, C 20. WEST LINDSEY: LD gain from NOC LD 6, Ind 5, Lab I, LD gain I, Ind gain 2, Lab gain I, C lose 3, Others lose I, New council: LD 19, Ind IO, Lab 3, C 2, Others 3.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE: NOC no change Ind 5, LD 3, Lab 5, C 4, LD gain 1. Lab gain 2, C lose 3. New council: Ind 15, LD 14, Lab 11, C 9. WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND: NOC no change Lab 5, LD 5, R 1. Lab gain 5, Ind lose 1, R gain 1, C lose 5, New council: Lab 15, LD 14, Ind 4, R 2. WINCHESTER: LD no change LD 9, C 5, Lab 2, Ind 3, LD gain 3, C lose 3. New council: LD 36, C 9, Lab 6, Ind 4.

WOKING: LD gain from NOC LD 6, C 3, Lab 3. LD gain 4, C lose 4, Lab gain 2. Ind lose 2. New council: LD 18, C 10, Lab 7. WORINGHAM: LD gain from NOC LD 9, C 9, LD gain 3, C lose 2, Ind lose 1. New council: LD 29, C 24. WORCESTER: Lab no change Lab 8, C 3, LD 1, Lab gain 1, C lose 1. New council: Lab 23, C 9, LD 3.

WORTHING: LD no change LD 8, C 5, LD gain 3, C lose 3. New council: LD 25, C 1 1.

WYRE FOREST: Lab gain from NOC Lab 9, LD 2, C 1, Llb 1, Ind 1, Lab gain 5, LD lose 2, C lose 3, New council: Lab 26, LD 8, C 3, Lib 3,

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BIRMINGHAM: Lab no chang Lab 27, LD 6, C 6. Lab gain 12, LD gain 3, C lose 15. New council: Lab 87, LD 17, C 13. BOLTON: Lab do change Lab 16, C 2, LD 2. Lab gain 5, C iose 5. New council: Lab 48, C 6, LD 6.

BRADFORD: Lab no change Lab 23, C 4, LD 3. Lab gain 12, C lose 14, LD gain 2. New council: Lab 71, C 13, LD 6. BURY: Lab no change Lab 13, C 2, LD 1. Lab gain 7, C lose 7. New council: Lab 41, C 4, LD 3.

CALDERDALE: Lab no change Lab 13, C 2, LD 3. Lab gain 8, C lose 7, Ind lose 1. New council: Lab 37, C 8, LD 8, Ind 1. COVENTRY: Jah no chang Lab 16, C 1. Lab gain 7, C lose 7. New council: Lab 49, C 4, Vac 1. DONCASTER: Lab no change Lab 19, C 1, LD 1. Lab gain 2, C lose 3, LD gain 1, New council: Lab 59, C2, LD 2. DUDLEY: Lab no change lab 20, C 2, LD 2, lab gain 10, C lose 12, LD gain 2. New conncil: lab 60, C 8, LD 4.

GATESHEAD: Lab no change Lab 15, LD 4, C 1, Lib 1, Others 1, Ind lose 1, Others gain 1, New council: Lab 50, LD 13, C 1, Lib 1,

KIRKLEES: Lab no change Lab 15, LD 6, C 2, Green 1. Lab gain 6, LD gain 4. C lose 10, Ind lose 1, Green gain 1, New council: Lab 45, LD 18, C 6, Ind 1, Vac 1, Green 1 KNOWSLEY: (ab no change Lab 22, LD 1. Lab gain 3, LD gain 1, C lose 1, ind lose 1, Others lose 2. New council: Lab 65, LD 1.

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SHEFFIELD: Lab no change Lab 17, LD 12, C 1. Lab lose 3. LD gain 6, C lose 3. New council: Lab 55, LD 31, C 1.

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SUNDERLAND: Lab no change

TRAFFORD: Lab gain from NOC Lab 10, C 10, LD 1. Lab gain 6, C lose 6. New council: Lab 35, C 23, LD 5.

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Great survivor faces another 12 months of hard labour

he Major Government is taking a long time to die. The final obituaries may not be written for 12 months. Yesterday John Major showed yet again that he is the great survivor, bouncing back to launch yet another

counter-attack. Thursday's local elections make little real difference. apart from confirming the virtual extinction of the Tories in many urban councils which they controlled little more than a decade ago. The modest recovery in the Tory share of the vote from last year's record low contradicts extreme forecasts of a total wipeout beforehand by some hysterical MPs and newspapers eager for an instant coup against Mr Major. That was nonsense: Mr Major is an asset to the Tories and a leadership contest is the last thing the Tories need. There was a noticeable absence vesterday of the familiar rent-aquote Tory backbenchers calling for instant solutions.

The results, bad though they were by any historic comparison, may take some of the immediate pressure off Mr Major. Few Tory MPs believe they can win the election, but they, like Mr Major, are going to make a fight of it, if only to minimise the scale of any defeat and to save their own seats.

The parties naturally pick the figures which suit them best. The most significant is that a governing party has never been so low in the polls for so long and had such a long run of bad local and byelection results then gone on to win the subsequent general election. The mid-term gap between the Tories and Labour was in single figures at most during the 1980s.

Between the May 1991 local elections and the 1992 general election, the Tory share of the national vote rose by seven to eight percentage points. On the basis of the latest results and recent MORI polls, the Tories are at present 15 points below the share of the vote needed to win a bare overall majority in the Commons at the next general election even after a two to three-point

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pick-up over the past 12 months to about 27 per cent. Of course, the gap should narrow over the next year. But it requires some heroic assumptions about the economy, government unity and opposition disarray to believe that the gap will disappear.

The Labour share of the vote - in polls and in local elections - is slightly less than in the first flush of the Blair effect. But the party is still in a commanding position with a higher share of the national vote than it ever achieved under Neil Kinnock or John Smith, even after a three-point drop to about 43 per cent since the 1995 local elections. Tony Blair yesterday gave his usual warning against complacency. He is right, not because there is anything in the latest results to worry Labour, but because all the polls and market research suggest that voterswho have switched to back Labour since 1992 are more dissatisfied with the Government than convinced of Labour's ability to deliver on its policies.

The Liberal Democrats have confirmed their emergence as the main challenger to the Tories in many smaller towns in the South and to Labour in some big cities in the Midlands and North. In the past, many of these voters have switched back to the other two parties at a general election. But the Liberal Democrats have built up their local government base in these target parliamentary seats, and are wellplaced to make gains at the next election.

Unless the Government suffers a sudden reverse in the Commons, and/or the Ulster Unionists shift their approach. we are in for 12 months of hard pounding. It will not make for good or decisive government, but the Tories do not have any real choice.

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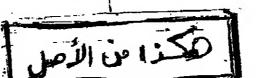
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Town hall disaster will sap Tories' campaign strength

By Ian Murray and James Landale

councillors, Labour has more

than the 5,100 Liberal Demo-

crass and 4,400 Tories com-

bined. The Tories failed to win

control of any of the new unitary authorities that take

over in their areas from next

April. This is frustrating for

them since the councils were

created on the initiative of

was Environment Secretary.

of the remaining two Tories

who lost their seats on

Manchester City Council. said: This will do nothing to

enhance democracy as there

will be no real opposition to

the last Tory on Newcastle

upon Tyne council until her

defeat this week, said: "I

guarantee that if there is a

Labour Government next

year, Tory councillors will be

back on the city council 12

months later. One year of

Labour rule will bring the

Senior Tory officials and

people flocking back to us."

activists said that their losses

would not prove to be a fatal

blow to the party machine.

Although they admitted that

many MPs were now isolated.

Nina Hannaford, who was

debate with Labour.

Michael Heseltine when he

Yesterday Peter Hilton, one

THE Tories have virtually been wiped off the local government map of England after two years of disastrous election results.

Thursday's defeat leaves them with no representation on more than fifty councils after losing their last seats on 21. including several former Tory strongholds. On five metropolitan councils, the party is down to just one councillor.

Labour won control of 86 of the 150 authorities that held elections this week, taking control of ten that were previ-ously hung. The Liberal Democrats ended up with an absolute majority in 23 councils, a gain of five. The Tories held three of their four councils and will have to rely on the casting vote of the mayor to retain control.

Councillors are among the most effective Tory party activists and many marginal constituencies will feel their loss at the general election. When the Tories won power in 1979,

they had 12,143 councillors. On Thursday Labour won 1.750 seats, a net gain of 434, and the Liberal Democrats won 636, a gain of 143. The number of Tory seats was halved from 1,055 to 518.

The outcome means that Labour now runs 212 of the 465 authorities in England. Scotland and Wales, including

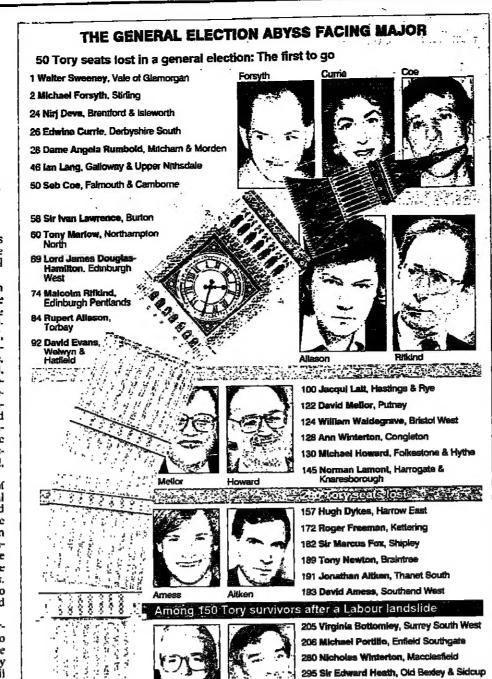
500 defeated Tory councillors 13 shadow councils just elected to set up new unitary authoriwould continue to provide ties. The Liberal Democrats back-up for their local control 55 councils, and the associations. Tories 13. With a total of 11,000

The 21 councils from which the final Tory members were ousted on Thursday are Cannock Chase, Halton, Harlow, Hastings, Hereford, Knowsley, Lincoln, Man-chester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Norwich, Oldham, Oxford, Salford, Slough, South Herefordshire, Stevenage. Stokeon-Trent. Tameside, Tam-worth, Weymouth & Portland and Wigan. One Tory councilfor remains on each of five councils: Basildon, Gateshead. Sheffield, Liverpool. Barnsley, and St Helens.

Ron Watson, chairman of the Tories' National Local Government Committee and leader of the Tory group on the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. said: "Conservative councillors provide the backbone, the troops on the ground in many associations. These people are an asset to the Tory party and they need

to be kept on board.
"We need to try and encourage our defeated councillors to hang in there and work on the ground and use the time they would have spent on council business to fight for the Conservative party."

> Kenneth Baker, page 18 Leading article, page 19



MPs who ask not for whom the bell tolls

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

SOME of the best-known personalities at Westminster face defeat if the rout of Tory councillors is repeated at the

general election. A list of the 50 most vulnerable seats would be headed by Walter Sweeney, whose ma-jority in the Vale of Glamorgan is 19. Niri Deva, the Tories' only Asian MP, would be out of Brentford and Isleworth after one term.

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, would be the first big casualty. Stirling, where he has a 703 majority. is the Tories' seventh most vulnerable seat. Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, who has a 2,500 majority, is number 46 on the risk list.

Edwina Currie, who has relaunched her career a second time after her attempt to become a Euro-MP was rebuffed in Bedfordshire, has a more lucrative insurance policy. Her latest novel is reputed to be worth ten years of her

£34,000 salary. Dame Angela Rumbold, party vice-chairman in charge of candidates, would have to apply to her own department for a new seat. The double Olympic medallist Sebastian Coe would be out of the

running.

John Major would extract one grain of comfort if the losses soared between 50 and 100. Tony Marlow, the Eurosceptic who was the first MP to call for Mr Major's resigna-

ton North. David Evans (Welwyn and Hatfield), who ran John Redwood's leadership campaign, would also fall.

Malcolm Rifkind, a potential leadership contender if Mr Major resigned, would be out of the race. His 4,300 majority in Edinburgh Pentlands puts him at 74 on the list. Rupert Allason, a thorn in the whips' side, would be another casualty. Like Mrs Currie he would have more time for his lucrative career as the spy writer Nigel West.

If up to 150 Tories were defeated, David Mellor's portfolio of ten consultancies, one of the biggest in Parliament, would shrink with the loss of his Putney platform. William Waldegrave's 6,000 majority in Bristol West would vanish. as would the 9,000 margin enjoyed by Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, in Folkestone and Hythe.

If 200 Tories lost their seats, it would be farewell to the Cabinet ministers Roger Freeman and Tony Newton. John Major would be the most prominent survivor but his colleagues on the Opposition benches might not bring him much cheer. Sir Edward Heath would still be there. doubtless with constructive advice for his latest successor.

Michael Portillo and Kenneth Clarke could also stand against a familiar adversary. John Redwood has in Wokingham one of the safest Tory seats in the country.

they said that the more than Right wing calls for radical policies We are the winners, say Lib

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tory MPs urged John Major yesterday to adopt a radical right-wing agenda and take a tougher stance against Brussels in the hope of reviving Tory forutnes before the general election.

Backbenchers worried by the Tory rout on Thursday called on the Prime Minister to listen to ordinary party members rather than Whitehall officials. Next week John Redwood, who challenged Mr Major for the leadership last year.

will present a right-wing programme, focusing on law and order, health and Europe. In a pamphlet. Action not words. he will call for lower taxation, including lowering the VAT on fuel to 5 per cent. He will also underline the need to take a more sceptical line on Europe, arguing against any further moves towards European integration.

Other leading rightwingers are also calling for a policy shift. Yesterday John Townend, chairman of the 92 Group. demanded a clampdown on the "yob culture" and urged Mr Major to "ride on

the wave of Euro-scepticism sweeping the country. He said: The great difficulty with a Government that has been in power since 1979 is that it gets swamped in Whitehall machinery and takes more notice of civil servants than it does of the party or the country."

Sir George Gardiner called on Mr Major to give a clear lead after Thursday's "appalling" results. "This leader-ship must start in Cabinet. He has got to knock some heads together so that ministers sing from the same hymn

By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Liberal Democrats declared yesterday that they were the only winners in the local elections.

Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, said that Labour had had almost as miserable a night as the Tories. The Liberal Democrats had built the best general election launchpad they had ever had

and were the only party to have exceeded their targets. They were now the undisputed

298 Teresa Gorman, Billericay

313 John Major, Huntingdon

303 John Redwood, Wokingham

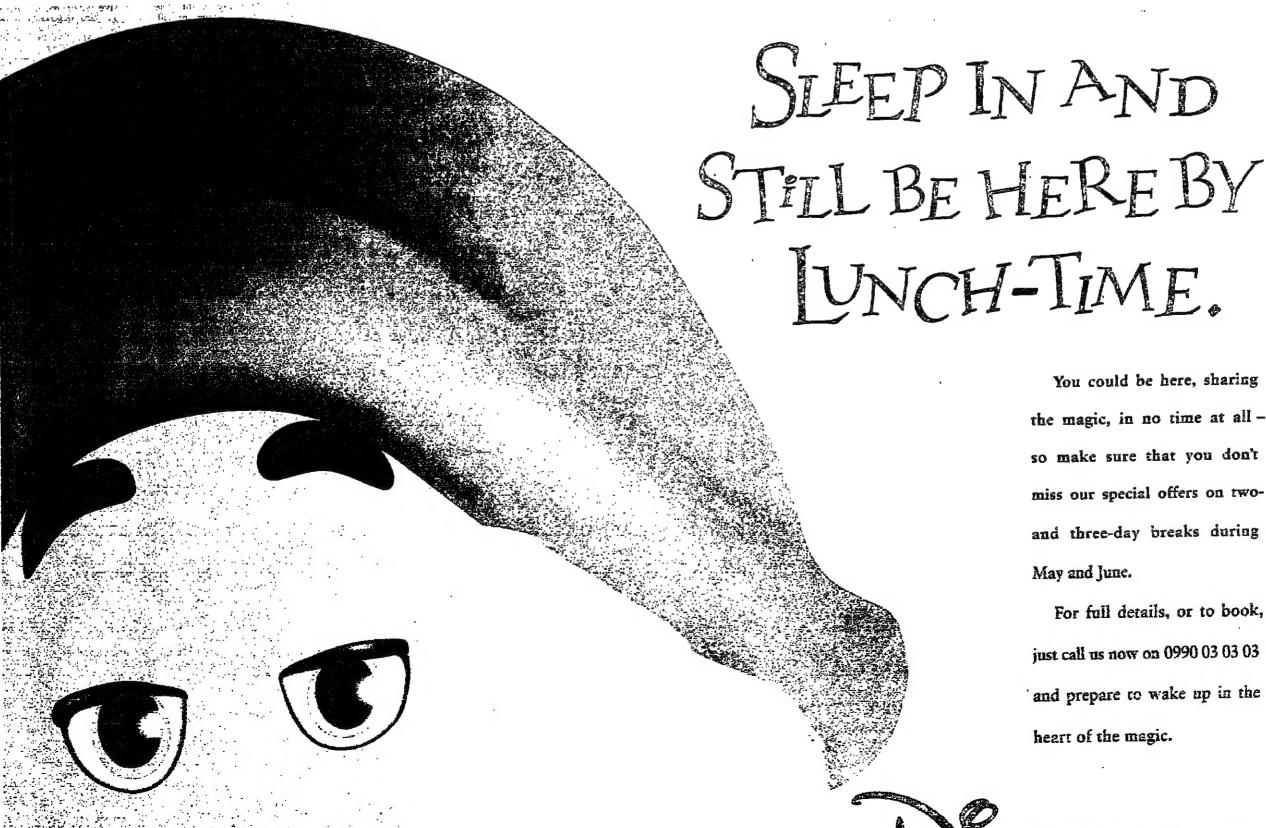
second party of local politics. This tops up six years of straight success, year on year. election after election," he said. "The Lib Dems are now genuinely a national party. capable of winning where either of the other two parties govern badly, making progress in every corner of the country and progress against both of them. We are now the obvious force to remove the Tories in many places where rhey must be beaten."

The Liberal Democrats took control of six new councils including the former Tory heartland of Tunbridge Wells. They also won seats from

Labour in most cities. Mr Ashdown said that Labour's performance also fell far short of what it wanted to achieve. "People do not want

new Labour to have ev thing their own way with giving any commitme They did not blunt the Lib Democrats' advance. have yet to achieve the co

dence of the British people Tony Blair, however, has the result as a huge step on road to a Labour governme He warned his party agai complacency but said: "This a brilliant result for us and disaster for the Tories.7



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British aid got Hitler's engines back on the rails for Bosnia

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN TUZIA

STEAM engines that were once used on Hitler's Eastern front have been restored by British engineers to haul vital trainloads of coal in Bosnia.

Vintage German engines, under the unlikely patronage of Britain's Overseas Dev-elopment Administration. have been taken out of sidings and museums and set to work again. Throughout the war they have been a lifeline for the people of central Bosnia, keeping power stations sup-plied with coal from Tuzla's

The restoration of the engines, which were the only means of supplying the power plants, provided electricity for nearly a million people.

"Welcome to my museum." proclaimed Mustafa Saracevic, the steam train expert at the Kreka mine, as he ges-tured towards the blackened Krupp Series 33 steam engine spewing columns of steam and smoke as it chugged past. Dressed in a blue apron,

cap and gloves to protect him from the soot on the trains, he said: "These old grandmothers saved the electrical system of Bosnia. Because of them, e managed to stay alive." When the war began in Bosnia in 1992, the Kreka

mine had just modernised its railway and was using diesel locomotives to transport coal to the region's five power

One of the renovated German trains which were used to take supplies of coal to Bosnia's power stations. "They should be given medals," a railway expert said

plants. But as fighting sealed off key routes into the landlocked country, the diesel supply dried up. virtually shutting down the mine and depriving the region of

electricity. In 1993, Mr Saracevic hauled out the old steam engines and put them to work shuttling coal around the mine. There were 12 of them eight Krupp trains from Germany manufactured be-tween 1942 and 1945, and four Series 62 Yugoslav trains made between 1952 and 1957.

But because spare parts and a special kind of oil were not readily available, even before the war, putting them into use was particularly difficult. "We spent so many nights here at the mine trying to create makeshift spare parts so we running," said Mr Saracevic. I knew the British still had some steam trains. They are a strange breed and they like their tradition, so I called the ODA and asked if they could help to supply some spare

Mike Bristow, an ODA project engineer in Tuzla. took up the task. "The last time I had seen a steam train was round about the mid-50s," he said. "But there was

no diesel available and by some stroke of foresight, or just plain good luck, these trains were still in operation. They just needed some spare parts and some oil."

The ODA provided white metal for the bearings. gaskets, water-treatment chemi-cals, oil and lightbulbs for the train workshop at a cost of about 50,000 marks (£ 21,741).

Within about six months all 12 trains were running again.
If it were not for the steam trains, there would not have been any electricity," said Mr

Mr Saracevic, who has a picture of his daughter lantern, now calls himself Bosnia's only steam train

Before the war there were two others. "But they are both Chetniks now," he said, referring to the name for Serb fighters. His desk is littered with brochures from Britain's Somerset and Dorset Railway and photocopies of Steam Railway Magazine, which lists companies that sell spare

Before the war, said Mr Saracevic, some Austrians approached him about buying the trains to put in a technical museum in Vienna. We couldn't sell them because we still needed them." he said.

"Now that the war is over. we are probably going to have to substitute diesels for them soon. We will preserve these and wait for the next war. That is the law here. We have them quite often."

One of the blackened trains chugged past Mr Saracevic's office — a dilapidated building made of corrugated iron perched between the coal mine and the railtracks - and whistled and let out a plume of steam and spray of water before grinding to a halt.

"These steam trains should be given medals," he said. How could we have lived without electricity throughout the war? It was crucial to the hospitals and the factories. I will be sorry when we put

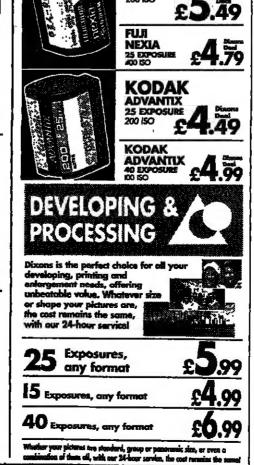


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Human parts sold in South African witchcraft killings

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A REPORT about witchcraft killings in South Africa, based on the findings of a govern-ment commission, has exposed grisly details of a trade in human parts for use as 'medicine".

The Commission of Inquiry into Witchcraft Violence and Ritual Murders was set up to investigate 140 killings since the beginning of the year in remote areas of Northern Province. The report states that body parts are taken from live victims, their screams said to ensure the magical power of the "medicine". In one incident a human skull was embedded in the foundation of a new building to ensure that business thrived. It was also reported that brews containing human parts were buried on farms to secure good

harvests. Belief in the supernatural runs deep in South Africa and the use of muti, medicine for magical purposes, is wide-spread. Thousands of blacks raise their beds on bricks so the tokoloshe, a hairy, sexually insatiable dwarf, will not get to them.

The study found that many young people, even those who are educated, attribute unexpected illness and disastrous events to witchcraft. The commission blamed some traditional healers for contributing to the murders. The victims were often killed on the instructions of the healers after being consulted by people with grievances against the victims or who stood to gain from their deaths.

Witchcraft and ritual killing, hitherto confined to remote rural areas, have in recent years moved into the urban areas. Last weekend a man was arrested in Johannesburg after allegedly selling a pair of eyes to a police informer. According to the report, human parts needed to perform certain rituals can be

found easily in the city. The report indicates that whites could increasingly become targets of muti killings. Several older men who gave evidence believed that medicine which included organs from whites was more effective than that involving blacks because the wealth was in white hands and whites were successful in business.

The report found that remote, rural communities inhabited by poorly educated people were the most notorious for witchcraft. Seth Nthai, the Security Minister of Northern Province, said the provincial government should embark on an education programme to "mentally liberate" the population. He called for investigations into the involvement of traditional leaders in

Yeltsin cuts campaign tour after heckling

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday came face to face with the angry underclass of Russian society determined to vote him out of office when he seeks re-election next month.

During a campaign tour of the ancient city of Yaroslavi, 160 miles north of Moscow, the Russian leader was heckled by unpaid workers and resentful pensioners, who succeeded momentarily in denting the Kremlin chief's confident manner.

"We have not been paid for four months in a row," said one elderly woman in the crowd. She was joined by a younger protester who shouted: "The workers are being squeezed, squeezed.

Later during a wreath-lay-ing ceremony at the city's war memorial, the President was accosted by a World War Two veteran who asked him to pull out of the presidential race. "I will not remove my candidacy." the Russian leader said firmly. "I will struggle for people, for their high living standards, for freedom, not for

Most people who turned out to see Mr Yeltsin in Yaroslavl welcomed him warmly. However, he must recognise that a sizeable proportion of the provincial electorate has little or

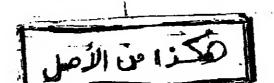


Zyuganov: gains from discontented voters

no material gain to show for his five years in office and that discontent is likely to be translated into votes for Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader.

Experts are divided on the outcome of the presidential race, but most predict it will be a close contest. Mr Zyuganov is enjoying a small lead in most opinion polls, although he will be hard pressed to muster the more than 50 per cent needed to win.

Last night, Mr Yeltsin called off a trip to the ancient town of Vladimir due to take place today. There was no explanation why he decided not to go the town, 100 miles east of Moscow and one of 16 stops he planned this month in a whirlwind regional tour.



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Blow to Peking as hounded dissident escapes to America

By Jonathan Mirsky in hong kong and Our Foreign Staff

LIU GANG, once China's third "most wanted" political dissident, has escaped to the United States. The White House confirmed yesterday that he had been allowed into the country but declined to say whether he had been granted political asylum.

The 34-year-old dissident escaped from China on April 27 with the help of unidentified international organisations. He arrived in Hong Kong, where he was quickly put on a plane, reaching San Francisco on April 30 en route to Washington.

Mr Liu, one of the leaders of the pro-democracy uprising in Tiananmen Square in 1989, had been jailed for six years. His escape is a severe blow for the Chinese security service, which had kept him under tight surveillance since his release from prison last year.

Yesterday Mr Liu, in an interview with the BBC from Boston, where he is staying with friends, said he fled because he and his family had been harassed by Chinese authorities since his release. "Even in my home, the policemen [in Lingyuan, Jilin provin northeast China treated me very bad."

He charged that police tam-pered with his mail and



Liu: will continue fight for democratic China

telephone line, restricted his freedom to move house, prevented him from finding work or setting up a business and intimidated his friends and relatives. "They watched me all day and came to my room every day." Mr Liu said the details of his escape were a secret. "Some human rights organisations helped me to escape. It's not convenient for

me to say more." The former Peking University physics student urged the Chinese authorities yesterday not to persecute his family. His younger brother, Liu Yong, has also managed to leave China and is currently in Hong Kong. Although Mr Liu declared that he would continue to fight for democracy in China, Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said he did not expect his case to damage American relations with Peking.
Mr Liu had ranked number

three on China's most wanted list of students, behind such leaders as Wuer Kaixi and Wang Dan, after the army crushed the Tiananmen protests with heavy loss of life.

He has been outspoken on human rights. Last year, when police told him to avoid contact with "hostile foreign forces", he replied: "They do not have this information written on their foreheads." Robin Munro, the Hong

Kong director of Human Rights Watch/Asia, said Mr Liu's escape "underlines the fact that there is no space in China for any important dissident figure to survive without being constantly hounded." ☐ News clamp: Peking intends to restrict foreign press coverage of the handover ceremony on June 30 next year when China takes over sovereignty of Hong Kong from Britain. About 6,000 journalists are expected to attend. China has also said the journalists must be vetted.



British players rehearsing their Chinese staging of Hamlet, with the Great Wall standing in for Elsinore and, below, Hamlet taunts Polonius



Hamlet's ghost goes east

By Leyla Linton

WHEN the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared yesterday, it was not on the battlements of Elsinore, but a place far removed from Shakespeare's imagination — the Great Wall of China. It was the first time a play has been staged on the

This weekend's three performances in one of the turrets near the tiny village of Jin Shan Ling, about 70 miles from Peking, are sold out. The audience has to be fit enough to complete the 15-minute climb to the "stage".

The Peking Players, a semi-professional company that includes British diplomats and several expatriate businessmen, has been rehearsing

since January.

Andrew Mallett, a professional actor from Britain who will play Hamlet, said: "The wall is the perfect setting. It is incredible to be open to the elements and see the moonlit turrets against the sky. The sheer scale of the wall inspires

Zeba Clarke, a teacher and the director, said yesterday: "We had four major rehears-als on the wall. It is astonish-

sphere is superb in terms of acoustics and views. The turret has windows through which you can see the sunset and mountains." Her husband. Peter, a diplomat at the British Embassy in Peking. plays Claudius.

Mrs Clarke's only concern is the high winds, which could drown out actors' voices and mean "the set may tumble

down around our ears".

All profits from the play, which transfers to the Zheng Yici Opera House next week, will help to support the Pe-

Police in Tasmania reopen files on five earlier deaths

By Roger Maynard in hobart and Our Foreign Staff

AS TASMANIANS turned out the car park of the Broad in their hundreds for the first Arrow Café at the Port Arthur in their hundreds for the first funeral of a victim of last Sunday's massacre, police confirmed yesterday that they had widened their investigation to include the killer's possible involvement in five

Detectives said Martin Bryant could have been linked to at least two stabbings, the disappearance of a German backpacker three years ago, as well as the apparent suicide of his father, Maurice, and the death of Helen Harvey, a family friend, in a car accident in which Bryant was a passenger. Maurice Bryant's body was found in a dam, with his son's diving weight tied round

In Hobart yesterday about 700 people attended the service for Royce Thompson, 59, who was shot near his bus in



Kate Scott: one of the 35

historic settlement, It was the first funeral for the 35 victims. At the Royal Hobart Hospi-

tal, where Bryant is being held under armed guard, police have traced many of the threatening telephone calls made to the switchboard over the past few days. The calls have so alarmed hospital staff, that absenteeism has increased dramatically.

Meanwhile Jenetta Hoani, 17, the gunman's former girlfriend, has claimed that he was obsessed with bestiality. violent videos and teddy his bedroom. She said Bryant's favourite video was Child's Play 2, which features a doll called Chucky that comes to life after killing a boy and taking over his character. Child's Play 3 was alleged to have influenced the ten-yearold killers of James Bulger, the

Liverpool toddler. Miss Hoani, whose relationship with Bryant, 28, ended three months ago, said that he would undergo frightening personality changes, when he appeared to delight in death and danger.

Bryant had surgery on Thursday for burns. He is expected to remain in hospital for up to a week before being transferred to Hobart's Risdon prison. Bryant, who has been charged with one murder - of Kate Scott - has been remanded to appear in court

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Chimps could join the family of man

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

GORILLAS and chimpanzees The close similarities meant should be reclassifed as members of the same family as man, a group of Australian and New Zealand scientists has urged.

The existing classification. which groups the great apes as a separate genus, fails to take account of DNA studies which have shown the close links between man and some of the apes, according to Dr Simon Easteal, from the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra.

In a paper on human origins and evolution presented on behalf of the group at the Australian Arademy of Sciences in Canberra yesterday. Dr Easteal noted that chimpanzees and gorillas share almost all the human

"There is only a 1.6 per cent difference between our nuclear DNA and that of a chimpanzee, and only 1.7 per cent difference from a goril-la," he said. "Some DNA needed to describe creatures shows absolutely no differences at all." Dr Eastel said the DNA test indicated that both chimpanzees and to have hominoids, hominids, humans had a common ancestor who walked upright.

that classifications based on appearance could no longer

be justified.
This is not the first time that revisions to the classification of apes and man has been proposed, but there is a resistance to change among scientists. If adopted, it would place man, chimpanzees and gorillas together in a genus (family) called Hominidae, the bominids. At present this family contains only one species. man.

Orang-utans, which are less closely related, would remain in the family called Pongidae (great apes). All four species would still form part of the same super-family, the Hominoidea (hominoids), which

links ages and humans. One objection to such a scheme is that the term hominid, which refers to only man and his immediate ancestors, would embrace African apes in the direct line of descent to man. Homininae, or hominins, has been suggested, but and hominins would be con-

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Owner hoping for dividend on 1,000 Guineas investment THE HIDDEN **ASSETS AT GRINDLAYS** Page 25

TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY MAY 4 1996



Flair for display: Robert Essex, managing director of CA Coutts, which yesterday confirmed shares will be priced at 105p each, capitalising the largest in-store display supplier in Britain at £11.2 million when it floats next Thursday on AIM. Clients include Disney, Tesco and Microsoft

Jobs to go in Royal and Sun Alliance merger

By Marianne Curphey and Robert Miller

UPTO 5,000 jobs are to go in the biggest shake up in the insurance industry for more than a decade after Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance announced plans to merge.

The new company Sun Alliance — will be the biggest insurer in the UK, with 16 per cent market share. It will be twice the size of its nearest rival, Géneral Accident, and will become the seventh largest UK life company.

The share prices of other insurers shot up as analysts predicted a wave of mergers and acquisitions and tipped Guardian Royal Exchange as

the next takeover candidate.

About 11 per cent of the current workforce of Royal and Sun will be shed, saving £175 million by 1998 through staffing cuts and cost reductions. However, a similar will be spent sum on redundancy

and reorganisation costs. Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, called for an inquiry by the

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Office of Fair Trading on the ground that the deal was anticompetitive. However, the companies believe their market share is too small to require such an investigation.

Kichard Gambie, chief exec utive of Royal, will become chief executive of Royal Sun Alliance. Roger Taylor, currently Sun Alliance's chief executive, will be chairman of the management board. A new non-executive chairman will be selected from outside the current boards.

At least 4,000 staff, including six existing board directors, will be cut in the UK, with the remainder being shed by overseas subsidiaries.

The two companies currently employ more than 45,000 people worldwide and will have 1.8 million motor policies, just 400,000 fewer than Direct Line, the market leader.

Mr Taylor promised "signif-

holders would hold approximately 53.6 per cent of shares in the new group and Royal

shareholders 46.4 per cent. Although the announcement surprised the City, the deal was Well received. Koyal shares shot up 64p to 434p, while Sun Alliance shares rose 57p to 416p. The news also moved General Accident's price up 33p to 655p,

29p to 619p.

Guardian's up 40p to 273p.

and Commercial Union's up

The merger is subject to

shareholder. High Court and

regulatory approval. Analysts

said motor and home insur-

ance premiums might rise

because the merged company

would not feel under pressure

Richard Gamble, left, with Roger Taylor yesterday

Under the terms of the mere er, Royal shareholders will receive 1,067 Royal Sun Alliance shares for every 1,000 Royal Shares. Policyholders will not be entitled to windfall payments because the two companies are not mutual

Mr Taylor said: "We are making a dividend forecast of not less than 19p net per Royal Sun Alliance share for 1996."

Based on 1995 figures the new merged company would have worldwide premium in-come of 19.39 billion, an operating profit of £909 mil-lion and pre-tax profits of £1.03 billion.

One crucial area that needs to be addressed is investment performance. Neither party has sparkled as a leading manager of retail funds, and in future investment products, including unit trusts, will be sold as much on the back of perfor-mance as marketing hype.

icantly enhanced earnings to share and dividend prospects" and said Sun Alliance share-Woolwich late with report on ex-chief

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE deadline for completion of a report into the series of allegations against Peter Robinson, the ousted chief executive of the Woolwich, passed vesterday with the building society admitting that it had not been completed.

Since Mr Robinson left his £320,000 post last month, the Woolwich, which has become a prime takeover target, KPMG, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the law firm, have been compiling a confidential report on the allegations against Mr Robinson for the society's board. Allegations concerned abuses of expenses and other irregularities believed to be running into a six-figure sum. It is now under-stood that the confidential report will contain allegations about relationships that Mr Robinson had with outside suppliers of goods and services to the Woolwich such as cars, cleaners, decorators, gar-

deners and electricians. It is also believed that the report will allege misuse of Woolwich-owned property for family purposes. Mr Robinson has consistently denied any wrong-doing. Henry Clinton-Davis of D J Freeman, Mr Robinson's lawyer, said: "It would not be appropriate for me to comment at this time."

Labour activist elected by IoD

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the free-market bility for the overall policy and Institute of Directors, traditionally seen as a strong supporter of the Conservative Party, have for the first time voted a Labour activist on to the IoD's governing council.

The move by the IoD is a further indication of British business readying itself for the possible election of a Labour

government - and another significant shift in the repositioning of the loD itself. Michael Craven, a former adviser to John Prescott. Labour's deputy leader, is to join the IoD's 75-strong governing council, which meets quarterly and has responsioperation of the institute. Mr Craven, who is now managing director of Market Access, a political and public affairs consultancy with strong links to Labour, is a wellknown figure and backroom

operator in Labour circles. The IoD said Mr Craven had been a member for many vears. Michael Mander, IoD chairman, said he would "bring a fresh perspective on our deliberations on a number of important issues".

Mr Craven, currently on business in America, said the IoD's importance was recognised by both leading parties.

Colorvision's founders quit board

By Sarah Bagnall

COLORVISION'S battle for survival took a critical step forward yesterday when the founders of the TV and video retailer stepped down from the board, appointed a new chairman and gave him free of charge -- a 20.6 per cent stake in

the company.

The moves form part of a radical restructuring by the group to keep its consumer credit licences. In January the Office of Fair Trading stripped Colorvision of its licences due to a series of dishonest practices including supplying second-hand goods as new. Colorvision appealed against the rul-

ing and yesterday said the OFT agreed not to contest the appeal if it undertakes a large restructuring and provides assur-ances on future conduct. The news came as the group gave warning of a swing from a £1 million pre-tax profit to a £4 million loss in the year to March 31.

As part of the agreed restructuring, cofounders Neville Michaelson, chairman, and his older brother. Beroard Michaelson, company secretary, have stood down from the board. They have reduced their holding from 66.6 per cent to 29.9 per cent by giving away shares to three newly appointed directors and a trust for key employees. Sir Brian Wolfson, a former chairman of Wem-

bley, has been appointed executive chairman and given 4.17 million shares in the group, which at yesterday's closing share price were valued at £1.3 million.

Last September Sir Brian parted com-pany with the Wembley stadium group. During his ten years as chairman, Wembley notched up debts of £140 million.

Colorvision has appointed two new non-executive directors: Adrian Collins, who has been given a 25 per cent shareholding, and Anthony Rawlinson, a director of Strand Partners, a corporate finance boutique that has been given a 6.8 per cent stake. A further 6.8 per cent holding has been put in trust for key employees. Colorvision's shares rose key employees. Colorvision's shares rose 14p before falling back to close 6p up at 32p.

Midlands talks to mystery

By Alasdair Murray

bidder

THE City is anticipating a new £1.8 billion bid for Midlands Electricity after the company confirmed yesterday that

But speculation was also growing that PowerGen, the electricity generating com-pany, will challenge the Government over its veto last week of the company's El.4 billion bid for Midlands. Any legal moves by PowerGen, which holds a 21 per cent stake in Midlands, would throw an agreement between the Midlands board and the company's new suitors into doubt.

Midlands refused yesterday to reveal the identity of the bidder but speculation centred on General Public Utilities, the US company, which made a preliminary approach to Midlands earlier this year.

Analysts predicted a take over bid would be placed between £4.40 and £5.05 a share, based on the price of previous electricity company offers. The Midlands share price last night closed up 38p at 423p, valuing the company at £1.6 billion.

The City also expressed concern about the ability of Midlands's management to drive a fair price, pointing to the £3.71 a share bid the board was prepared to recommend from PowerGen last autumn. The crucial factor in any Midlands bid is PowerGen. The company bought its 21 per cent stake at £3.52p, and is already sitting on a £60 million profit. A decision to support a new bid would facilitate a straightforward takeover. But belligerent comments by Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, suggest the company is prepared to seek a judicial review of the

Government's decision. Last night PowerGen refused to comment on its plans.

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the 25 acres, the helipad, the works. You install a trusted and competent estate manager to look after it for you for the duration of your world cruise.

You would find it more than disconcerting, I think, to discoveron your return that he had sold the tennis court to the Japanese. He had installed a rich sheikh and his entourage in the basement, and was considering a serious offer for the swimming pool. All strictly above board and highly lucrative, the cash piling up even now in your already bloated bank ac-count, he explains, tugging off his check cap. Is there a problem?

This is at the heart of an old debate now revived in the City, because just as you as a household-

er have an absolute right to decide who lives under your roof, shareholders are absolute owners of their company. This is a point often lost on executives drafted in to manage the company's affairs on their behalf, and the annual shareholders' meeting season now under way is not a bad time to

remind them of it, I think.

Now, there is a reformist body of opinion that is calling for some of that control to be lessened, in the interests of efficiency and cheap capital. The peculiarly British concept of the rights issue is under attack as outdated and expensive. More streamlined alternatives are being proposed, in particular American-style book-building, putting fresh shares up for a public auction to ensure the best price. The problem here is pre-emption rights, which require, unless the amount raised is relatively small, that all who own the company be offered any new shares on an equal basis at the same price.

This is frequently a confounded

nuisance, companies say, especial-

ly those with a huge shareholder base. Consider a hypothetical example. Those companies privatised with large numbers of investors have not yet had to raise fresh funds - they have the stuff coming out of their ears. But suppose a few years down the line one has to.

All those hundreds of thousands of investors, nearly all sitting on a hundred shares and ignorant of their existence except twice a year when the dividend cheques come around, have to be canvassed. Suppose a one-for-four rights issue at two quid. Each has to be mailed a bulky prospectus asking if he or she wants to put a mere fifty quid into the company.

The Roundheads, as we shall call them, want the whole system overhauled to limit the Divine Right of Shareholders. They say it makes the cost of fresh capital too expensive in London, which then risks falling behind compared with other world markets such as New York or Frankfurt, et cetera, et cetera — variations on a theme



MARTIN WALLER

we have all heard before. Preemption rights, like much company law, have their roots in the days where companies were largefamily concerns that were beginning to bring in outside managers. The idea was to prevent those managers unloading the silver behind the family's back.

What is doubtful is whether a book-building system or any other

percentage of the cash-raising exercise that never reaches the company coffers but is diverted to advisers, underwriters and anyone else with their snouts in the trough. But it does enrich the big merchant banks, who tend, oddly. to be in the Roundhead camp.

The Roundheads say capital is more expensive in London than elsewhere. This is not surprising most things are. In this particular case it has to do with the cost of borrowing, which is higher government gilts, for example, yield 8 per cent plus, a full two percentage points above their German counterparts, and this is the market in which companies raising cash must compete.

These are powerful arguments, especially in the week that saw the Office of Fair Trading prodded awake from its torpor and sent in again to attack the fixed-fee system of City underwriting, a separate but linked issue. The Roundheads have a further argument, that any rights issue automatically brings

if you calculate this in terms of the in its train a dividend increase. This is because few companies are prepared to cut payouts just after touching shareholders for fresh cash. It somehow seems churlish. The payout is therefore usually maintained on the enlarged capital, although the value of the last has fallen because the new shares were issued at a discount.

This must push the cost of fresh capital even higher. The counterargument is put by the Cavaliers, these tending to include the big City institutions who are keen to keep pre-emption rights and who do well from underwriting the present system. They hold large stakes and prefer to have their control maintained. They say dividends should be reduced pro rata, so the yield on the shares is consistent. This is fair, even if it leads to the odd position of a big shareholder calling for nominally

The real importance of preemption rights is that they are one of the three pillars on which shareholder power rests. Back to

lower dividends.

those annual meetings. You can do three things. You can, as the Americans say, kick da burns out by not re-electing the directors. You can kick the auditors out, if you think they are cooking the books too outrageously on behalf of those same directors.

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And you can control the raising of fresh capital. This prevents those directors from offloading a huge chunk of the company to their mates from the Rotary club who they know will support them in a fight, without giving you, the owner, a chance to buy in at the

This happens, believe me, in markets that lack pre-emption rights. Incompetent and dishonest American managements have done just this, to spare themselves from the threat of takeover from more competent parties. If we are to throw away this protection for investors in favour of a more streamlined system of cash-raising, then we should be aware of what we are discarding. This argument will run and run.

Mindscape blow for Pearson

By Euro Require

SHARES in Pearson slumped after the media and entertainment group revealed higher than expected losses at Mindscape, the troubled American software publisher that specialises in video games.

Pearson said Mindscape would post losses of about £46 million in 1996, up from £6.9 million in the previous year. Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman, said: "The losses at Mindscape will inevitably cast a shadow over the first half year's

Virgin Group.

The re-emergence of the

ABC name comes exactly ten

years after it disappeared,

when the chain was acquired

by the Cannon cinemas group.
The debt and equity financing of the ABC buyout deal

was led by CINVen, the ven-

ture capital group. In addition

to Mr Jenkins, the three other

directors were former mem-

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management.

The shares closed at 677p, down 18p. Pearson bought Mindscape in 1994 for \$462 million, making it one of the group's largest acquisitions. The company quickly went into loss.

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managing director of the Telegraph group, is to join United News & Media as executive director of HEWS DRIPERS.

ABC Cinemas set for comeback after £68m buyout

The sale attracted strong inter-THE ABC Cinemas chain is est from potential buyers, set to make a comeback in the high street as the result of a £68 million management buyout from MGM Cinemas. including Rank, the leisure group that owns the Odeon

Virgin began looking for a part of Richard Branson's buyer for the smaller, high The new chain will consist street sites within several of 90 cinemas that are being months of the purchase in sold to a management team led by Barrie Jenkins, who order to concentrate on developing larger multiplex sites. until 1993 was head of MGM

Mr Branson said: "The deal will enable us to considerably speed up our expansion plans. Since coming into the cinema business in July 1995 we have become even more excited about the future opportunities in this market."

Virgin's accelerated building plans mean it will add 18 multiplex cinemas, to take its total number to 37 in the next four years. These sites will have 11 or 12 screens with bers of the MGM or ABC seating for up to 5,000.

Virgin acquired the MGM The eventual aim, a Virgin group last July from Crédit Lyonnais, the French bank, spokesman said, would be to link Virgin Megastores direct-

ly with multiplex sites. The newly formed ABC group will be competing with Virgin and other leading operators such as UCI in the multiplex mar-

Together with refurbishment plans for the high street ABC cinemas, Mr Jenkins says that he has aggressive expansion plans. "We aim to have 17 multiplex sites open in the next three years," he said. "We are not looking to compete directly with other multi-

The news of both groups expansion comes as cinemagoing booms in popularity.

Admissions in the first three months of 1996 leapt 31.4 per cent to an average of 281 million a week, according to figures from the Cinema Advertising Association.

The total admissions for 1996 is projected to rise to 123 million against last year's



Vestments: Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor, arrives at a City ceremony to check the quality of Britain's coinage with Master Turner, the Queen's Remembrancer

Courtaulds wins battle on patent

COURTAULDS has won an important legal battle over the development of Tencel, its

wonder fibre. A European Patent Office ruling that Lenzing, an Austri-an company, held a patent over part of the production of the lyocell fibre was yesterday reversed after an appeal by Courtaulds, The success follows a similar decision in the US, which also rejected

Lenzing's patent claims. Courtaulds disputed Lenzing claims that part of the production process for lyocell was patentable. Donald Anderson, spokesman for Courtaulds, described European ruling as "a welcome judgment which simplifies life for us".

Lyocell is produced from natural cellulose in wood-pulp versatile silk-like fibre, which Courtaulds produces under the Tencel brand name.

Courtaulds has invested more than £300m in bringing Tencel into production and developing the brand, and is a leading manufacturer. Courtaulds shares jumped Hp to 421p on news of the ruling.

Pension review plea

BY ROBERT MILLER

PENSION fund managers who look after E350 billion worth of assets were urged by the City's senior watchdog yesterday to co-operate more wholeheartedly in the £4 bil-lion review of the personal pension mis-selling scandal.

Andrew Winckler, chief executive of the Securities and Investments Board, told members of the National Associ-ation of Pension Fund Managers on the final day of their annual conference in

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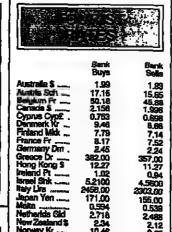
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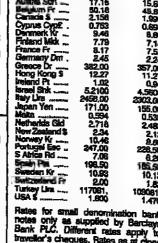
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Glasgow that they should make "a positive effort to reinstate past service at a reasonable cost".

He added that pension schemes, such as those for police officers and nurses, which did accept back members who had been wrongly advised to leave their professional schemes for a personal plan or not join in the first place, should also show how the compensation and costs figures had been calculated.





STATE OF STREET OF STREET **Abbey National enters** the car finance market

ABBEY NATIONAL is moving into the car finance market with the £108 million acquisition of Wagon Finance Group from United News & Media. Wagon, which specialises in providing finance for used-car purchases, will become part of First National Bank, Abbey National's consumer finance arm. Wagon has about 5 per cent of the UK used-car market, offering its credit facilities through 5,000 car dealerships. It

has a loan book of £350 million.

Tim Ingram, chief executive of First National Finance Corporation, said the acquisition "furthers Abbey National's aim of diversifying profit streams away from traditional business areas". Wagon showed pre-tax profits last year of E12.8 million. Abbey National shares moved 4p lower to 551p. while United News added 6p to 698p.

Fewer insolvencies

COMPANY insolvencies are down 6 per cent on a year ago — a move that business leaders said yesterday was fresh evidence of a sustained recovery in the economy. New figures from the Department of Trade and Industry showed that 3,295 became insolvent in the first three months of this year. The seasonallyadjusted figure is down on the 3,730 company insolvencies of the previous quarter and down on the level a year ago, when the number of quarterly insolvencies was 3,505.

Al Fayed buys Viva

VIVA RADIO, the UK's first station for women, has been bought by Mohamed Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods and fledgling media baron. Liberty Publishing, the recently formed media arm of Harrods Holdings, is buying Viva for £3 million from Golden Rose Communications, the group that runs the Jazz FM station. Viva was launched in July 1995 and has failed to live up to early expectations, drawing poor audience figures. A relaunch is expected.

New Costain warning

COSTAIN GROUP warned investors yesterday that its results would be well below market expectations. Shares in the construction company plunged 10p to 89p on the second profit warning within two months. Costain said its 1995 financial results would again be delayed and are not expected to be published until the end of June. In March, the company said that market expectations were too high and yesterday indicated that some brokers' forecasts were still too high.

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Jon Ashworth meets the man behind some

of the extras that turn a sleek car into a

mobile office or a bespoke armoured vehicle

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FOUR years ago, the mighty Vickers engineering group was nearly brought to its knees by the lead weight of Rolls-Royce hursday Motor Cars. Today, a leaner and fitter Rolls is powering back into

the profits league.

Much of the progress is down to the team at Mulliner Park Ward, the coachbuilding division of Rolls-Royce, and its commercial director, Stephen Whatmore. Whatmore, 43, drives the team that

puts the sheen on the immaculate Rolls-Royce and Bentley marques. From exotic interiors, to fax machines that slide out of hidden compartments, Mulliner Park Ward has the answer. More than 40 per cent of the cars rolling out of the Rolls-Royce factory at Crewe, Cheshire, have the Mulliner Park Ward touch.

The ability to tailor-make the car of your dreams is spurring sales at Rolls, which bears little resemblance to the company of five years ago. Thousands of jobs have gone, assembly lines have been reorganised into units, and even BMWheavens above - has been brought in to collaborate on a new engine design. Sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars rose 10

per cent to 1,566 last year. pointing to the success of the strategy. Profits at the automotive division, which includes Cosworth only guess at engines, nearly doubled to £41 million, fuelling pre-tax profits at Vickers by 67 per cent to £75 million in the year to December 31. Whatmore dream up 9 and his colleagues at the "personalising" end of

the business are well aware of their importance to the Rolls master-plan. Step inside the Mulliner Park Ward

showroom, tucked in a corner of the Crewe factory, and a feast beckons. Glearning Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars await. Mock-ups of steering wheels, and accessories cover the floor, and tantalising sketches line the walls. "It's a little like visiting your tailor," says Whatmore, rubbing an appreciative hand over an immaculate burr walnut veneer. "You would expect him to advise you."

Whatever you want, Mulliner Park Ward can provide it. Some owners want their cars fitted out as mobile boardrooms, complete with fax machine, personal computer, television, video, mobile telephone and drinks cabinet. A few discreet motions — a tuck here, a gentle, push there — and the gadgets slide out of view. When one is spending between £100,000 and £220,000 on a car, one can afford a few optional extras.

Many of the requests stretch the imagination. A European businessman came in and requested the loudest hi-fi ever fitted in a motor car. The team obliged, packing three suitcase-size am-plifiers into the boot, and delivering an awesome 240 watts per speaker. The exercise added £20,000 to the cost of the car. "The price is almost the last thing that comes into the equation," says Whatmore. "Customers want satisfaction. They like to feel pride in what they've got."

Owners in the highly competitive German market are tempted by onboard satellite systems, currently on trial in the UK. Drivers programme in their destina-tion and have their route mapped out on a small TV screen. A voice sounding suspiciously like that of the Queen (one of the more famous Rolls owners) commands: "Take the second right after the roundabout."

"I don't think we've ever had two customers order the same car," says Trevor Gay, who is responsible for sales and marketing, "One customer came in to see the base model car. He walked out of the factory with something like £48,000 in extra features." Mulliner Park Ward once converted a Bentley Turbo for the use of a

businessman with only one arm. He demanded a duplicate set of instru-ments to be installed in the rear of the car, guaranteeing a hard time for his hapless driver. Mulliner Park Ward is

a little like Q's workshop in the James Bond films. brimming with gadgets and inventions — and the cars do not disappoint. A

closer inspection of one imposing model reveals layers of glass capable of stopping everything from automatic rifle-fire to a round from a Magnum .44 handgun. Bullets will not penetrate, yet a push from within and the glass pops out, allowing the occupant to escape.

Fully protected cars are bullet-proof.

blast-proof, and carry separate air supplies to guard against gas attacks. Selfsealing tyres are an option. Staff talk proudly of "retaliatory systems" — a smoke device is as much as they will disclose - and they will not be drawn at all on the "escape systems". One can only guess at what the engineers dream up. "One of the customer's biggest fears is

to return to the car after a night at the theatre to find the window smashed." says Whatmore, "Bricks, baseball bats, pick-axe handles. We offer everything from handgun protection packages to



A dream drive: Stephen Whatmore, seated, and his team at Mulliner Park Ward, the coachbuilding division of Rolls-Royce, provide tailor-made cars

bespoke armoured cars covering all known eventualities.

Whatmore has had a hand in most aspects of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars since joining the company in 1988. An accountant by training, he played a key role in drawing up the company's ten-year business plan two years ago when he was director of business development. His switch to Mulliner Park Ward, working with Jim Orr, the MPW managing director, and a 250-strong team, shows just how important this side of the business is to the wider Rolls management. Whatmore says: "It is the key to maximising the benefits of the Rolls-Royce and Bentley marques."

Sales have picked up sharply in America and the Middle East, and

Whatmore is frequently jetting off to some exotic destination. He flew in from Detroit on Saturday, in time for an open day

celebrating 50 years of carmaking at Crewe. On Tuesday, he joined colleagues for a brainstorming session at a local hotel. Thursday brought sales and marketing, and yesterday was put aside for plotting the next two weeks. "Every day is a 12-hour day. Every day is full from start to finish.

Visitors to the Crewe factory are taken through the life of a Rolls-Royce or Bentley, watching pistons and crank-shafts materialise into engines, and Scandinavian cowhides change into immaculate upholstery. Legendary crafts-men such as Dennis Jones and Tony Kent carve trademark initials on perfectly honed Rolls-Royce and Bentley radiators. taking up to 13 hours on each masterpiece. Stainless steel is twisted in the subtlest way to catch the light, then polished to

Cars and components are allocated

chassis numbers, allowing owners to follow their progress every step of the way. "We've done away with foremen and supervisors; the emphasis is on teams," says Barry Greenwood, who delights in guiding visitors through the plant "Everyone has become much more accountable. Times change, and you have to change with them.

Rod Tilley, who presides over the paint shop control room, adds: "The guys are all working in teams. There's been a lot of work in the last 12 months towards getting a body shell that's better than

Benefits of the streamlined Rolls are plain to see. The company used to have to make 2,400 cars before it would break even. Now the figure is 1,350. It takes an average of eight weeks to assemble a standard Rolls-Royce or Bentley, com-pared with 12 weeks in the mid-1980s.

Bentley has the edge, making up 60 per cent of sales. Employees preach "customer value", and typically turn their hands to several jobs.

The tour ends in the luxurious confines

of Mulliner Park Ward, where one's imagination is given free rein. Rolls-Royce is famous for never talking about its customers, but a few names have crept into the public arena. What do Chris Evans, Elton John, Frank Bruno and Chris Eubank have in common? They own Bentleys. Dame Barbara Cartland ordered a Rolls-Royce Shadow in shock-

Michael Barrymore stopped by for a visit last year, bringing his poodle. Attenuve staff gave the dog the royal treatment. As Whatmore says: "You don't get this type of service from any other car manufacturer." Barrymore's poodle would no doubt agree.

Balancing the past and the present at ANZ Grindlays



Each room in the house contains an original chimney-piece of white marble

dealers and certain specialis brokers can operate anywhere from Miami to Mongolia provided they have access on the beach or in the paddy field — to their computers and phone lines.

Given the choice, I would be in St James's Square SWI if I were a fund manager or a foreign exchange dealer preferably at No 13, next door to the London Library.

ANZ Grindlays has occu-pied this Grade II listed building since 1951, initially on a leased basis and since 1987 as the freeholder. It has had to be sympathetic to the fabric of the house in installing its computer systems. mance personnel. All modifications have had to be made

HIDDEN ASSETS

in a style appropriate to the period, but there are elements of a modern bank office that simply cannot be accommodated in such a house.

Andrew Webster, senior manager of property services. says: "It is a case of the usual clash between old-style buildings and modern office needs. We are obviously limited as to the way in which we can modify the interiors. For example, we need things like air-conditioning and proper lighting so we have had to think very carefully about

ANZ Grindlays has taken trouble to create an environof office comfort and efficiency and is in keeping with

The first house on the site was built in 1676 for Sir Thomas Clarges, but it is thought to have been substantially redesigned in the 1730s by Sir Henry Liddell, later Lord Ravensworth, and to the designs of Matthew Brettingham. Giles Worsley says in Classical Architecture in Britain. The Heroic Age that Brettingham was a protege of Lord Burlington and the executant architect of Holkham Hall in Norfolk.

After he began work in St James's Square and until his death in 1769, he was much employed in London and his ment that meets a high level

designs, many of them with a circuit of rooms round _ central staircase, rapidly set the style of the house. the fashion for great London

The Brettingham façade, which is virtually unchanged. is in the English Palladian style, three storeys high and four windows wide, with a doorway flanked by one window on the west and two on the east. In about 1784, John Soane supervised the painting of the exterior. Interior coration was done when the 3rd Duke of Roxburgh bought it in 1795.

The Roxburghs occupied the house until 1812. It was then held on various short tenancies until 1836 when it

trustees of the Duke of Atholi to the Windham Club, which remained there until 1941.

The obiong entrance hall retains original decorations and Brettingham's hand is visible in the simple pedestal and the Doric entablature of the walls. The east front and back rooms have been knocked into one, and the decorations are largely

modern. Each room still contains an original chimney-piece of white marble in the Palladian taste of the early 1740s. The one in the front room is

an Inigo Jones design. ANZ Grindlays has retained most of the original layout. using the drawing room and library as meeting rooms.

Joanna Pitman



PENSION



Insurance merger helps shake off doldrums

NEWS of the proposed £5.4 billion merger between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance helped to underpin a nervous stock market and to focus attention on the rest of the insurance sector.

News of the deal, which is expected to result in savings of E175 million and to create Britain's biggest insurer, caught the City on the hop.

Royal responded with a leap of 67p to 437p, while Sun Alliance climbed 55p to 414p. Investors took heart from the deal, suggesting that it could be the first of many such moves in the sector. Speculative attention was also directed towards Guardian Royal Exchange, 38p at 271p, General Accident, 25p better at 647p, Commercial Union. 25p higher at 615p and Legal & General, 22p dearer at 728p.

The rest of the equity market went into an early nosedive, reflecting sharp falls overnight on Wall Street and reaction to the local government election results. News of the proposed Royal-Sun Alliance merger and an opening rise in the Dow Jones average in New York enabled it to claw back some of the earlier falls. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 42 points at one stage, closed 24.8 points lower at 3.751.6, a loss on the week of 8i.2. Turnover yesterday reached 942 million shares.

Ladbroke closed off the bottom, with the speculators excited by news that the Hilton Hotel chain in the US is raising extra funds on the bond market. Hilton and Ladbroke are in talks about closer co-operation. Ladbroke finished 2p easier at 193p, after

touching 1890. British Airways fell 3p to 521p after the post-Easter traffic numbers failed to live up to expectations. The group benefited during the run-up to an early Easter, but saw growth subsequently slow.

Shares in BT and Cable & Wireless suffered an early mark-down as investors began to ponder their future in the wake of the breakdown in merger talks between both sides late on Thursday. BT finished 1312p down at 338p, while C&W suffered the biggest loss, dropping 45p to 479p. The merger would have created the third biggest telecommunications company in billion. Brokers say the talks broke down over price and



BA's shares dipped after a post-Easter slip in traffic

opportunity. City speculators are not ruling out the prospect of a second bidder emerging for C&W, with both Deutsche Telecom and American Telephone & Telegraph mentioned as potential suitors.

There was a renewed flurry of speculative activity among electricity distributors as Midlands Electricity, up 38p at 423p, announced it was in

posed bids by National Power, up 16p at 543p, for Southern and by PowerGen. 2lp higher at 557p, for Midlands. Pan Andean Resources,

the exploration group, rose op to 96n in response to an encouraging drilling report from its Chapare hydrocarbon block in central Bolivia. Its partner in the venture BHP, the giant Australian explora-

It looks like fish, chips and mushy peas are on the menu for one hungry predator. The Stock Exchange wants to know why shares in Harry Ramsden's have soared from 326p to 384p this week. Word is a bid may be on the way. Whitbread, down 4p at 747p, and Rank Organisation, 5p easier at 533p, are said to be interested.

merger talks with an unnamed suitor. The best bet is likely to be an American utility, with General Public Utilities or Pacific Gas and Electricity both tipped. On the home front, Southern Electric, up 9p at 839p, and Severa Trent, the water company, Hp lower at 576p, are being tipped as potential bidders. Dealers say any bid is likely to be pitched at around the 500p level, valuing the company at £2 billion. Only last week, the Government blocked pro-

tion group, has chosen to exercise their option to continue exploring the Chapare site, with drilling on the first well expected to get underway in July or August. Broken Hill has spent \$20 million exploring the site.

Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times and owner of Madame Tussaud's, touched 668p before closing 18p down at 677p after issuing a profits warning. Shareholders were told at the annual meeting that Mindscape, its US computer

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software publishing business, would make a loss of £46 million in the current year compared with previous estimates of around £12 million.

A warning about first-half profits also left Rugby Group 2p lower at 122p. A slow start to the year and severe weather conditions in this country and the US will leave profits well down on the 136.1 million made at the halfway stage last

Costain dropped 10p to 89p after issuing its second profits warning in less than two months. The group has been forced to delay publication of its figures and says that City forecasts for a loss of £18 million are on the optimistic

A blunder by the Office of Fair Trading saw shares of Colorvision, the television and vide rental group, slump to 16p before bouncing back to finish op dearer on the day at 32p. OFT sent out contradictory statements about its consumer credit licences. At the same time Colorvision announced pre-tax losses for the year to March 31, of E4

Oxford Molecular, the drug design group, rose 13p to 326p after a large placing of shares. Cazenove, the broker. placed a total of 30 million shares with various institutions at 300p.

SkyPharma, the pharmaceutical supplier, headed by lan Gowrie-Smith, returned from suspension at 79p. Last night they closed at 79p.

GILT-EDGED: The London market extended

Thursday's losses after giving a lukewarm response to the latest US employment numbers. Opening falls gathered pace as London reflected similar losses among US treasury bonds and German bunds. In the futures pit, the June

series of the long gilt closed £916 down at £1041932 as a total of 82,000 contracts were At the longer end treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £1932 to

£951116, while in shorts treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished E516 off at £10158. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street rebounded from Thursday's sell-off after a government report on weak job growth in April reassured investors that the economy day the Dow Jones industrial

TEMPUS

Running for cover

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The prospect of a windfall

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sell Mercury, its best chance to

create a strong business out-

BEHIND all the back-slapping and triumphant flag-waving that accompanied yesterday's merger of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance there lurked a pair of general insurance companies in rather defensive mood. This is a sensible merger and the companies will derive savings from combining their operations. Of course, we will never learn what the savings actually are — such a level of disclosure would be anathema to an insurance company — but it would be surprising if the two companies could not shed £175 million of costs through economies of scale. Insurers are following the banks in replacing manpower with networked PCs and the 1998 accounts should show an improvement in the cost ratio.

This merger may be about costs, but it is not about growth. In a world long since disap-

peared, such a merger might lead to rising rates as the merged group flexed its muscle. However, today, the general insurance market is up for grabs. Even with 1.8 million policies in the personal motor sector, Royal Sun Alliance will still be behind Direct Line, an insurer owned by Royal Bank of Scotland. Lloyds TSB sells household insurance and it will not be long before other banks and building societies use their surplus capital to underwrite the insurance they sell through their branches. Motor insurance rates may be showing signs of improvement, but household is still flat and commercial rates are falling. Investors in Royal Sun Alliance should not expect to see all of the cost-savings hitting the bottom line. A good portion of that £175 million will have to go to policyholders if Royal Sun wants to keep its market share.

That leaves little for the

generators to do except chase

overseas power projects, but

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THE story in the electricity sector yesterday was the dog that didn't bark. News that Midland Electricity was in talks with a bidder sent its share price soaring, predictably enough. What was surprising was the indifferent response of shares in other regional electricity companies, which barely witched. Gone are the days when a hid for a Rec sent nerves jangling. Yesterday, London Electricity's share price actually fell, suggesting bid premiums are pretty well

built into prices. Bidders prepared to risk their money at these high prices are few, and while Midland may have found a suitor, there is no guarantee that investors in other Recs can still rely on the generoswilling to gamble on the tax

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C&W

THE collapse of merger talks with BT leaves Cable and Wireless under even more pressure to develop a coherent strategy. Does it have ambitions to operate large, telecoms businesses or is it happy in its role as a quasiinvestment trust for a loose collection of phone companies, mainly second-tier players, around the world?

Deciding the proper course will take time and the first hints about the direction of the group ex-BT will not appear before the appointment of a new chief executive. But investors should not despair because C&W has at least formed the outline of a plan for Mercury Communications, its top British company and BT's main domestic rival. Mercury. which is showing new signs of life after its restructuring. may get a domestic access with the cable companies.

side of Hong Kong. Costain

equipment.

PROFIT warnings are designed to flatten share prices, but after Costain shouted sell in March, the share price

rose. Yesterday, the financially challenged construction group had another go at dampening expectations. But for investors, the issue is not the quantum of the results but when it will be revealed. After two delays, Costain is now promising that the 1995 figures will be served up at

the end of June. The market guesses something is afoot but sadly the real story may be that nothing is afoot. Costain has been trying to sell its US coal business, reckoned to be in the books at a marked down price of £50 million. If Costain cannot shuffle off coal. it will be left with some £80 million in debt and may have to mark down the value of coal

Doubtless. Costain hopes to secure a deal before it publishes its figures but investors should also be aware of the risk of an asset writedown. In any event, vesterday's warning should be taken seriously.

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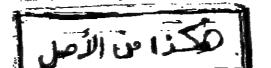
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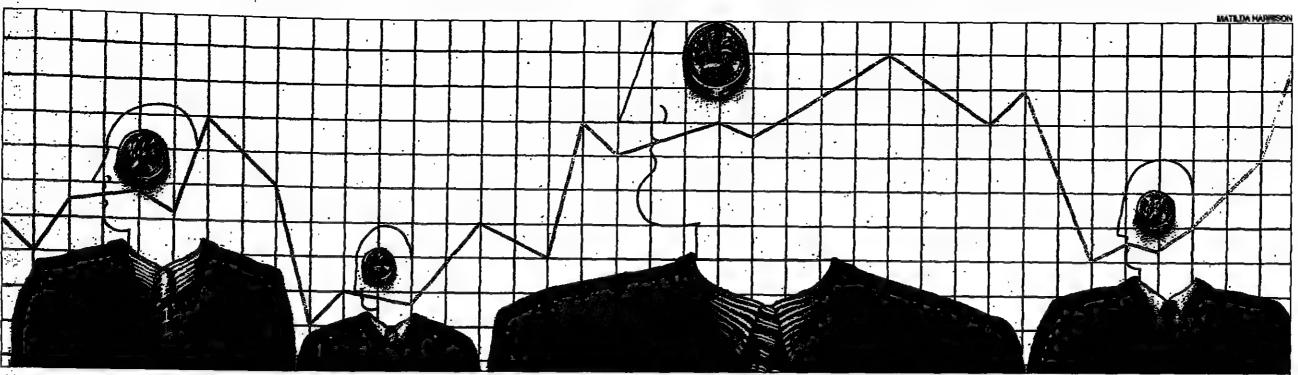
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Rejection of the baby bounty hunter



Risks and rewards of coupling your fortunes to the rise and fall of Railtrack shares



Red signals on the line to flotation

Marianne Curphey asks whether predictions

of high yields should be taken at face value

ore people have signed up for Railtrack shares in the last week of registration than for any other privatisation, almost guaranteeing the offer will be oversubscribed. Many have been tempted by headline grabbing forceasts of 25 percent dividend returns in the first year, more than five times better than the best builting society interest rates.

With yields of only 7.5 per cent and 8.4 per cent respectively on short-dated and long-dated government gilts and 6 per cent on utilities, Railtrack looks too good to be true at first glance. However, as with any company promising unusually high returns, investors should treat these figures with caution, and remember that if Railtrack's share price dives after trading begins, the equivalent of the money they made on the dividend could be wiped out overnight.

Privatisation stocks are not quite the bargains they were when the first tranche of BT shares were floated. The only guaranteed return on the partly paid shares — 190p each for the first instalment — is the net final dividend of 13.75p (17.2p gross). This has been declared and will be paid in October to shareholders on the register at 4



September. This is essentially a return of 9 per cent. Railtrack also expects to pay

an interim dividend in February, which its advisers have suggested could be about half of the final dividend, or 8.6p per share gross. The combined dividends would be 25.8p per share, a yield of 13.5 per cent over the nine months from May 20, when trading starts. On an annualised basis, this would be a gross return of 16.3

per cent.

The claims of a 25 per cent return count the 10p per share discount, which private investors enjoy over the institutions?

first instalment price of 200p, as an extra dividend. This would push up the return to 18.8 per cent, or 25 per cent annualised. But the figure is misleading because investors need to know the return based on their own outlay.

There is also the question of political uncertainty. The Conservatives have a majority of only one in the Commons and this week's local election losses will have reinforced sentiment that a general election may be called before February. Labour has not gone into detail about its plans for Railtrack, but says it will increase regulatory controls. This might affect Railtrack's ability to pay the February dividend.

Regardless of any political change, investors will have to pay a second instalment next June. The price of fully paid shares is expected to be between 340p and 380p for the UK public offer (for private investors) and 350p to 380p for the international offer (for institutions and individuals buying large numbers of shares).

The fully paid shares are expected to yield between 6.78 and 7.57 per cent gross for individuals and 6.6 to 7.36 per cent for institutions. Exact prices, dependent on City interest, will not be known until dealing begins

THE LONG OR SHORT HAUL?

EARLIER this year, investing in Railtrack seemed as attractive a proposition as biting into an old-style British Rail sandwich. However, the lower-than-expected share price and the various inducements have significantly improved

the company's image.
Justin Urquhart Stewart, of Barclays Stockbrokers, predicts that the issue will be oversubscribed by investors excited by the yield. He believes, however, that most will sell out within a year or is months.

Although Railtrack is not primarily seen as a growth stock, analysts such as Phillip Epsley, utilities specialist at Albert E Sharp, the stockbroker, are excited by the prospects for diversification into retail, through the development of minishonolog malls at the 14

main stations.

Mr Epsley considers
Railtrack to be "a good
buy, a classic Pep stock".

He points out that if
the shares perform well
on their first day, rising

by as much as 10 per cent, the company may be eligible to join the FT-SE 100 (Footsie) index of leading shares. This would mean that index tracker trusts that hold the same shares as the index would be obliged to buy Railtrack shares, boosting the price.

Matthew Orr. of Killik

& Co, the private client stockbroker, is impressed by Railtrack's high dividend yield and secure income flow. But he is not recommending that his clients stag the issue.

ANNE ASHWORTH

Trackers for the long-term

his week's erosion in share prices has left investors wondering whether a downward correction for the stock market is finally on its way and what that means for their money.

The FT-SE 100 index has had a strong run since the start of 1995, but so far this year it has failed to move past a record 3.857.1, set on January 19, though it remains at historically high levels. The FT-SE 100 fell 23.6 on Monday to 3.809.2, regained a 8.7 points on Tuesday, before losing 11.9 points on Wednesday. On Thursday the index fell 29.6 to 3,776.4, and a further 24.8 yesterday, to 3,751.6.

There was no particular reason for this week's losses. Instead, the market registered its general disappointment that anticipated bids had not materialised and concern that John Major's grip on the leadership was weakening. Yesterday, the drop was caused by a

of timing in the market

wobble on Wall Street. More worrying than the isolated events of this week is the growing sentiment that the UK market is set for a fall.

Some believe any decline will be temporary, reflecting political instability as the nation gears up for an election. Others say there is little to support the market's current strength and a more permanent decline is overdue. For the many people who have invested in index-tracker funds, these sentiments are alarming. Tracker funds are designed to reflect the movement of a chosen stock market index.

such as the FT-SE 100 or FT

ali-share. They have performed well in the past year, thanks to rising share prices. For example, Virgin Direct's tracker Pep, launched in March 1995, rose 28.1 per cent in year one.

One of their chief attractions is that they have low charges. This is partly because the very nature of a tracker means that it is not necessary to employ an expensive fund manger to hand-pick individual shares. The danger is that when the market falls, the value of your tracker investment will fall too. And with a tracker fund, there is no opportunity for your investment to outperform

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth would probably see decent gains, even if the market moves lower this year.

the market. This may explain why, according to Micropal, top UK growth funds have outperformed tracker funds in the five years since May 1,

Joe Rooney, global equities manager at Lehman Brothers, says now is not the time to put money into a tracker. "Within the context of Europe, we would argue that it is time to be getting out. First of all, we find that a number of markets are looking expensive, both against their own history and in a global context. Most obviously, there is the UK, but also increasingly, there are The Netherlands and Switzerland."

It rarely makes sense to put money into a tracker fund when indices are trading ar peak levels. On the other hand, the long-term trend is for rising markets, so anyone planning a 20-year investment would probably see decent gains, even if the market moves lower this year.

Why funds are getting bearish

politics is not the only shadow over the markets. The whole investment scene has changed rather radically in the four months since I vacated this column. The London market, which was powering through the 3,900 mark at the turn of the year, has since then been the worst performing major market in the developed world.

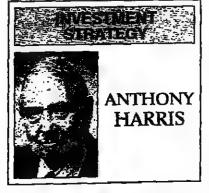
This is in spite of rising consumer spending and some interest rate cuts. It is not just that good economic news can be bad for the markets: it has been the wrong sort of good news. Consumer spending financed by windfalls and questionably justified tax cuts is worrying, especially when export growth has stopped. Meanwhile, industry has stagnated for a year and profits remains under a competitive

Small wonder that a bearish mood is now reported in London. So far, this has mainly affected the institutions rather than the private investor, and for good reason.

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If you are a gross fund you pay no income tax, so a running yield of more than 8 per cent in government bonds, double the equity yield, looks very tempting. For the private portfolio holder, no doubt paying 40 per cent tax at the margin, high income is far less attractive.

less attractive.
So where can he turn? The continental European markets have staged a tremendous recovery from their Maastricht-induced setback last year as interest rates and exchange rates have fallen: but can this go much



further? In core Europe, probably not. The bond markets are already taking an on-time start for a limited EMU, with fudged rules, as a fact; but is this good news? Equity markets must at some stage reflect what it is actually likely to mean. All the core European economies are slowing down sharply, although the forecasts are catching up only slowly with reality; stocks are grossly excessive, margins squeezed, and they may be flirting with actual recession. The forecast still look for a recovery next year; but they were drastically wrong for 1996.

And if a recession happens, what can be done? Fiscal reflation is virtually ruled out, even under fudged convergence criteria. Monetary stimulus depends entirely on the Bundesbank, which is already showing signs of nerves over the sinking mark. The likely answer is that they will do too little, too

The non-joiners, such as Italy and Sweden, preserve some freedom of

action and could sustain their recent strong stock market recoveries for some time yet — and the paradox of Milan, celebrating the first left-wing Italian Government in modern history with a price surge, should at least reassure British investors worried about Tony Blair. But could these economies long sit out a recession in core Europe? That looks too like a long shot.

What about Tokyo, that long-time favourite of British fund managers? It staged quite a powerful recovery last year and the economy is now, at last, growing. But the authorities face a dilemma: they are running what they see as inflationary risks to protect a still desperately weak banking system.

At some point, they will tighten, and

At some point, they will lighten, and the rumours have already started. Meanwhile, the Nikkei index, dependent on foreign support, is beginning to look range-bound, and yields are still minuscule. For well informed stockpickers only.

That leaves the volatile emerging markets, again a case for well-educated selection. Wall Street is up a further 10 per cent this year. Here at least is a robust economy, a real "feel-good" factor (watch President Clinton's ratings), still rising profits, and record mutual fund sales.

The problem here is simply vertigo: p/e ratios are high (though short of records), and the dividend yield is only 2 per cent. Memories of the 1987 correction simply will not go away; and if it happens, who will be immune? All in all, the case for some judicious profittaking does look quite compelling.



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Financial flaw in being female Leasehold law

women, or 52 per cent Lof adult women. will face financial difficulty when they retire because they have not put enough into their pensions during their working lives, according to research published this week.

Even those who are working and putting some money aside cannot rely on being financially secure because they are not contributing enough. Of working women, 43 per cent will face financial hardship unless they step up their saving.

Flemings, the investment trust company that commissioned the research, argues that the findings strongly reinforce the case for introducing compulsory contributions to a top-up pension, which would run alongside the existing basic state pension.

This politically sensitive issue is being actively explored but no one wants to make a specific commitment to it for fear of alienating voters. Labour has rejected Conservative claims that it plans to introduce large compulsory contri-butions from employers and employees to state-authorised schemes. But it is investigating the possibility of low-cost voluntary schemes run in partnership between the public and private sectors.

Daniel Godfrey, Flemings's marketing director, said that the company would be actively lobbying MPs on setting up compulsory pension provision with a choice of authorised providers. He suggested that a compulsory contribution of 5 per cent of salary would be a reasonable level. Women find it particularly difficult to build up good pensions. On average they carn less than men. More women than men work parttime, which has excluded them from many company pension

In addition, women are more likely to have career breaks to bring up families. They cannot contribute to a pension unless they are earning. Many women have relied on their husband's pension but then discovered that, under existing laws, they may be left in penury if they

The Government has now conceded the principle of splitting the pension on divorce but is still delaying the introducallow the pension to be split at Fleming Pension Map of Brit-



Dee Moyes is hoping to add lump sums to her regular plan.



DEE MOYES is 49 and has worked full-time all her adult life. except for a two-year break to start a family. But like many women, her pension will be far below her final annual salary. When she retires, she should qualify for a large part of the basic state pension because she has always made full National Insurance contributions. But the full basic state pension for a single person in 1995-96 is just £61.15 a week, with the pension for a couple being £97.75. This is less than one sixth of the

national average wage. Mrs Moyes was encouraged to contract out of Serps and set up a personal pension. But she was 41 when she contracted out in 1988 and some advisers recommend that women over 40 receive better benefits from the state scheme, which is void of large charges.

Mrs Moyes has now rejoined Serps. But the maximum anyone can get from Scrps is £101.44 a week or £5,274 a year. Mrs Moyes realised the state schemes would not be enough. Two years ago she started a personal pension. She is now putting in £100 a month and is hoping to add lump sums to try to build up her fund.

the time of divorce, rather than

pensions. This is the first stage

PENSION planning was not a priority for 29year-old Lucy Jago. Her time-consuming job as a producer/director at the BBC left little space for thinking about the future. "It took me a long time to get round to it. I kept umming and ahhing, knowing I had to do something." In the end, she took the plunge and set up a pension with Allied Dunbar, because she knew someone who worked for that company. But Ms Jago had second thoughts about the

move, "As a researcher, I was used to asking questions but I felt very vulnerable because of my depths of ignorance [about finance]." She cancelled the pension after one payment and got her money back in full without any

It took visits to four or five financial advisers before she decided to take out a pension with Standard Life through independent advisers

been rewarded with higher pension

UNITED STATES: One would

expect the spiritual home of capital-

ism to favour executives, but when it

comes to pensions, employees get a

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average salary, and executives are

also rewarded with share options

and other perks that can boost their

retirement income. US pensions

usually include social security and

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trouble but this still left her with the problem of

Fiona Price and Partners. At the moment she is putting in £150 a month and "seeing how it goes". "I've made up my mind to take control of my finances. I'll put any extra into a savings plan and pay off my mortgage." Like growing numbers of people in the media

Ms Jago has always been self-employed, working to a succession of short-term contracts. She is unfazed by this relative lack of job security - "I'm a creature of contract" - but points out it has implications for pension planning as being able to stop and start contributions is important. "My income will be erratic so I need a flexible pension. I want to write eventually." The prospect of retirement is almost too distant to contemplate. "I never think of myself as retiring. My job is like a life." But in common with the rest of the post-welfare state generation, she is realistic enough not to expect help from the State when the day comes.

Satisfactory retirement: a quarter of all women can expect between 40 per cent and 50 per cent of final salary. But only 17 per cent of working

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reform dogged by obstacles

were once more the subject of heated debate this week when the Housing Bill returned to the Commons. Labour had succeeded in pushing through three clauses during the committee stage to give leaseholders new rights. But this week the Conservatives fought back with new amendments. The Government was forced to promise better protection for leaseholders last January after revelations in The Times and elsewhere that rogue landlords were making leaseholders' lives a misery with large service charge bills and intimidating behaviour.

Over the last two months, ministers have been locked in battle over how best to protect leaseholders.

What were the new

The most controversial would have given leaseholders the right to manage their own blocks. Freeholders are responsible for maintaining blocks they own, but leaseholders pick up the bills. In some cases, landlords and their agents have evaded legal safeguards and charged excessive sums for maintenance and repairs. Labour wants leaseholders to have the right to set up a manage ment company, which would employ its own agent. The freeholder would have the right to belong to the management company but the majority of leaseholders would control costs.

Why didn't the Con-servatives agree?

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, says that such a move would deprive freeholders of their rights without compensation and could be challenged in the European Court.

So what do the Tories propose instead?

They introduced a new in by a small majority).

easeholders' rights which will allow leaseholders to ask a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal (LVT) to appoint a manager if the landlord is failing to manage the property - currently, leaseholders have to go to court. The proposed legislation will also incorporate a code of practice for managing agents, drawn up by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. But as MPs pointed out, no one knows how strict the code will be or how LVTs will cope with the increased workload.

How to

You said there were three Labour clauses.

Yes. Labour also sought to abolish the "low rent test" for leaseholders wanting to buy the freehold. Currently, lease-holders only qualify to buy if they have a long lease (originally more than 21 years) and are paying a "low rent". defined by complex formulae depending on when the lease was granted. Many long leaseholders pay a nominal ground rent to qualify on this score, but some people. particularly in central London, have rents set too high to qualify. In some cases, landlords set rents to stop people

Did the Conservatives not like this either?

No. They argued that it A is vital to differentiate between "real" leaseholders. who are homeowners in all but name, and those who are really tenants, although they have long leases, and who should be excluded from the right to buy the freehold. A successful Conservative amendment abolishes the low rent test for all leases of 50 years or more originally. instead of abolishing the test altogether. The Tories also reversed Labour's third new clause, which would have allowed leaseholders to buy the freehold of blocks where up to 25 per cent of the space

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regions will have the most on the husband's retirement. comfortably-off pensioners and bow the self-employed Mintel, the market research group, has used statistics on spending and salaries and Inwill fare in retirement. The and Revenue figures on the survey divides women into five amounts people have invested in pensions to build a picture of how much women put into

■ Ideal retirement: these women will retire on two thirds or more of their final

attended his last annual meeting

etter in Britain than ordinary

ain, that will also reveal which

bers of company schemes pay-ing pensions based on salary can expect this level of payout. Only 21 per cent of working women and 11 per cent of all women, who have worked at some time, will achieve this.

Comfortable retirement: these will receive between half and two thirds of their final

How bosses and workers fare elsewhere

'n a week when Cedric Brown cultural, partly tax-driven. participate in employer-sponsored social security. There are no self- retire on 72 per cent of their earnings, "Traditionally, UK executives have pension plans. At present, the nor- administered schemes. Any com- while those on average earnings mal retirement age is 65 for men and women, but a reduced pension can be claimed from the age of 62. However, the US will slowly lift its minimum retirement age to 67.

> ☐ FRANCE: Senior executives typically get pensions equivalent to 77 per cent of earnings, while employees on average carnings receive pensions of 87 per cent. The state social security system has traditionally been generous, but rising unem-ployment has led to a drop in contributions, leaving the system in crisis. Men and women can take retirement between 60 and 65. All commercial and industrial enterprises make supplementary pension provisions for employees, on top of

pany with more than 50 employees is required to share profits using a predetermined formula. Private plans are rare, but may become more popular as social security is cut back.

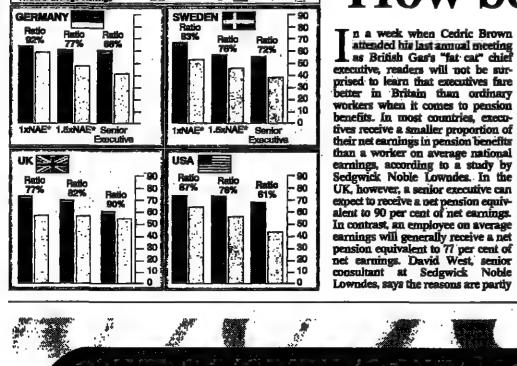
☐ GERMANY: Senior executives can expect to retire on 66 per cent of their net earnings, while employees on average income retire on 92 per cent. The normal retirement age is 65, but employees who satisfy certain requirements can retire on a full pension at 63. It is also possible to receive a partial pension from 62, while continuing in part-time work.

SWEDEN: The national system provides adequate pensions for most employees. Senior executives usually

retire on 83 per cent. State benefits are supplemented by universal collectively agreed employee-benefit plans. The normal retirement age is 65 for men and women. Those who retire early can take a reduced pension from 60, while those who remain in work can receive an enhanced pension to age 70.

☐ JAPAN: Employees usually receive a lump sum, in addition to social security, when they retire. Senior executives generally retire on 47 per cent of earnings, while employees on average income retire on 65 per cent. Pensions are payable from age 60.

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How to develop mutual mistrust

ritical, unruly share-holders are part of a company chief executive's well-paid lot. If a group opposed to a certain policy disrupts the annual general meeting, the rebels can be ejected from the venue, but not from the shareholders' register.

Building society bosses have no need to be so tolerant or democratic. As has emerged this week, societies enjoy far more draconian powers than corporate bodies to expel investors whose motives may be suspect. Provided that the rules of the society permit it, savers can be judged to be unwelcome speculators, and have their accounts closed, with no rea-

son given and no redress.

As our report on page 31 shows, this has been the fate suffered by some of those who have recently opened accounts with two societies.

Loughborough and National Counties.

Both these determinedly independent societies believe



that recent members are interested only in takeover windfalls. However, the ban on new accounts extends to babies, not the most obvious class of carpetbaggers, and to others who were only looking for a good home for their savings.

Certainly, some of those who have invested may have hoped for a payout. But no society can demand that all its investors are highly principled, passionate advocates of mutuality. It is also significant that, at both the Loughborough and the National Counties, suspicion does not extend to newcomers with larger balances. It seems

that having thousands to invest means that your intentions must be honourable.

The dismissive letter sent to the National Counties rejects, announcing the closure of their accounts, contains not a word of apology or explanation. Those for whom the myriad bid rumours and impending conversions in the building society sector have not been the subject of intimate study felt as though they had committed some terrible offence.

They had been found guilty, without a chance to plead their case. Rarely can a service industry business have communicated with its

customers in a manner more likely to misfire.

Closing accounts is an unnecessarily tough measure to deter opportunists. Other societies who realise the paramount value of maintaining public goodwill have been content to raise their minimum investment level, or to exclude savers from outside their region.

The effect of closing accounts will not be to still the gossip surrounding the National Counties, but to make savers even more disenchanted with institutions that once prided themselves on their universal welcome.

In the slow lane

SUN ALLIANCE and Royal Insurance say they are merging to win more and better-value business. However, the experience of one reader reveals that Sun Alliance, at least, has much to learn.

The reader found that his ten-year-term policy was about to mature. To renew it, he would have to pay more than £1,000 a year, four times the previous amount. When he contacted Sun Alliance, he was told that the premium was high, partly because the policy was "no longer being marketed". They did supply some lower quotes, but he is now shopping around for other deals. Term insurance is a highly competitive market. But, perhaps, Sun Alli-

ance has not heard this.

The company's inflexibility may mean that it loses a policyholder. It is a characteristic it shares with the other traditional members of its industry. Nowhere is it better seen than in its snail's pace handling of the personal pension scandal.

This week, the industry has finally outlined how it will work to speed up the compensation process. There is also, at last, a guide for the scandal's victims. But from snail's pace to tortoise-like is still too slow.

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PET PLAN maintains its premiums have risen more sharply in

London than in the rest of the country, reflecting its experience of higher claims in the London area. But a quick look at the

figures shows that premiums have actually risen quite steeply throughout the UK. Three years ago, Robert Breckman paid E94 to cover his dog for a year. At the time, there was no substantial difference in rates between London and the rest of

the country. Today, Mr Breckman pays £178, an increase of 89 per cent. If he lived in the Home Counties, he would pay

£155.89, a rise of nearly 66 per cent and if he lived in the rest of

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Inflation dogs life of Brian

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meets the pet

owners who have

seen their

pug's policy rise 89%

Robert Breckman was less than thrilled when he discovered that the Pet Plan insurance on his pedigree pug had jumped 89

per cent in three years.

The pug, Anjakarn Tyroan, otherwise known as Brian, had not been ill since the policy was taken out. "He's quite an expensive dog, so we have the policy in case he has surgery or we lose him. But so far we have never claimed. He's a lovely dog with a victious lick," said Mr Breckman, of Chelsea, west London.

of Chelsea, west London.

Pet Plan, which this week amounced that it had been sold for £32.5 million to Cornhill Insurance, said: "We have spent a considerable amount of time and resources in reviewing our premiums to ensure that they as far as possible reflect the claims exposure and true loss ratio in any given area. Our analysis confirms that both the incidence and claims amounts in London are considerably greater than those in the Home Counties and very considerably greater than those in the rest of the UK."

the UK."

The company notes that London vets charge more and that Londoners take their pets to the vet more often than in other parts of the country. "The Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons annual survey concurs with this analysis in addition to our own research," a spokesman said. "In effect,



Peeved pug and policyholders Robert and Julie Breckman

London premiums have been substantially subsidised for a number of years by policybolders elsewhere in the

Por London pet owners, there is some good news. The company says it believes that its London premiums and claims experience are now properly aligned and that premium increases can stabilise.

Increased competition in the area may ultimately drive

premiums down. This week Pet Direct, which is underwritten by Lloyd's of London, entered the arena. Churchill also plans to bring out a pet policy later in the year and Direct Line is also looking at

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Tessa's world grows more complex

Do not equate

the recent quiet spell with a lack

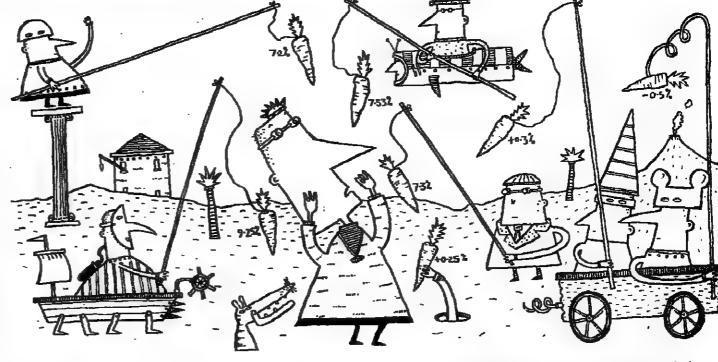
of activity, says Sarah Jones

type, Tessa has been quiet of late. At the start of the year she was the star of the show as providers targeted investors who took out Tessas five years ago and had to decide what to do with their maturing £9,000.

Tessa's family suddenly grew. Along with Tessa2 came fixed-rate, escalator and equity-linked cousins. The hype may now have gone, but there is still plenty going on in Tessa's life. Her rates are being tweaked and she has fallen victim to measures designed to stop carpetbaggers. Meanwhile, there are many investors who have yet to find a home for their matured Tessa, and thousand of others are wondering where to start.

With no other product is it so worth shopping around. The best Tessa rates do not come from the biggest banks or largest building societies but from smaller and more local societies.
Alastair Altham, of Johnson Fry

Asset Managers, said: "Last time, some of the smaller building societies were at the top of the table and some of the biggest banks at the bottom. History has a habit of re-peating itself." Initially excluded



from the reduction in savers' rates, Tessa has been hit hard in recent weeks by the latest drop in base rate. Cheltenham & Gloucester has just cut its Tessa rates by 0.50 per cent and the Principality by 0.25 per cent. The situation is complicated by the speculation on societies being taken over or seeking a flotation. That means minimum balances on several first Tessas have been raised, from £1,000 to £2,500 at the Chelsea, for example, and from £10 to £500 at the Principality.

Birmingham Midshires, the

tenth-largest building society. reports brisk business in its Tessas. It has retained the capital from almost 90 per cent of maturing Tessa accounts, compared with an industry average of 70 per cent, and attracted 16,000 new investors, a quarter first-time Tessa investors.

In spite of its variable rate being tive, the society's stock mar ket-linked and fixed-rate Tessas have been the most popular. Investment in your first Tessa must be staggered. The maximum in the first year is £3,000, and £1,800 in subse

quent years, up to the £9,000 limit. In contrast, if your first Tessa has matured you can reinvest the full E9,000 original investment, but not the interest earned on it. in a second-generation Tessa. That means almost all the most attractive accounts have been reserved for follow-on Tessas, since a bigger balance attracts a better rate. The latest fixed-rate Tessa from the Royal Bank of Scotland pays 7.53

further and offered exclusive rares to existing Tessa customers. Birmingham Midshires, for example, has a stepped fixed-rate account for existing customers which rises to 9.25 per cent in the final year. Where good rates do exist for first Tessas, such as the Yorkshire's 7.3 per cent, you have to commit the and each year the money is drip-fed the interest paid on the feeder account is at the same rate as the

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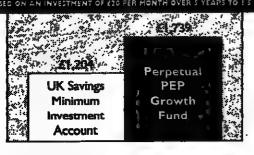
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Doreen Meredith and grandson Stefan, who was rejected as a fortune hunter

Savers attack 'offensive' **National Counties stand**

speculators, National Counties Building Society is summarily closing all accounts that have been opened with small amounts since the beginning of the year. Children are among those being forcibly ejected from the society's books, in a move sanctioned by the society's own rules. Brian Murphy, the building societies ombudsman, is now investigating the situation,

complaints to his office. National Counties, a onebranch society based in Epsom, Surrey, is determined to remain independent, in spite of talk that it is poised to succumb to a takeover. Although it is only the 30th largest society, it has plentiful reserves — worth more than £3,300 per member, about ten times the average — which have brought it to prominence. To deter fortune-hunters, it recently stopped accepting any accounts. The Looghborough has taken a

According to John Milton, a director and general manager, National Counties has ruled that anyone who has invested £100 or so and has no previous connection with the society is an unwelcome speculator. However, this state of suspicion does The ombudsman

is to look at a society ban on

'speculative'

accounts, says

Anne Ashworth

not extend to newcomers who have opened accounts with

The decision and the tone of the letter sent by National Counties to investors whose accounts are being closed have angered many readers of The Times, who feel that they have been accused of some crime. Steve Auty, a reader from Mirfield, West Yorkshire, called the letter a "particularly offensive communication".

In the letter, investors are instructed to return their passbooks and told not to approach the society for further explanation. Indeed "contact with the society regarding the issue of this notice will serve no purpose

Doreen Meredith, who lives in Kent, has been a National Her mother was a member of Post Office Permanent Building



Society, which merged with National Counties in 1973. But this long association did not stop the society from closing an account opened for Mrs Mer-

edith's six-month-old grand-

child, Stefan Meyer.

The National Counties was chosen not because Mrs Meredith believed it was about to be taken over, but because its rates of interest have always been above average. The baby's elder brother also has a National Counties account but the society did not link the two children, in spite of the unusual surname. Even if the relationships had been known, this would not have been enough to prevent the society from turning away

Mr Milton told The Times that having a grandmother who is a long-standing customer does not convey an entitlement to an account with the society. Mrs Meredith's daughter may now close her other son's

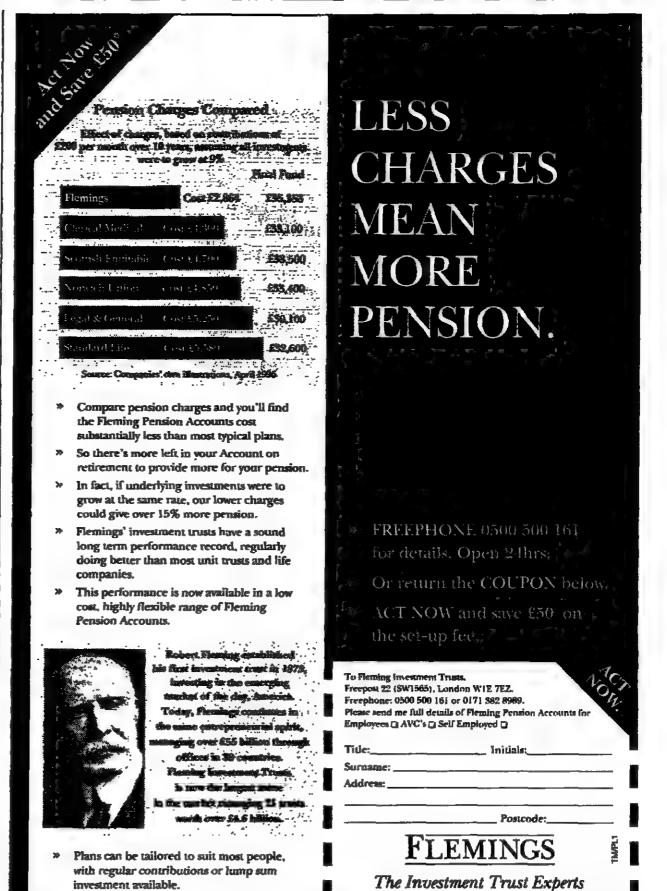
Charlotte Bird, a reader from Oxfordshire, is also an ag-grieved and offended customer. She transferred £50 to National Counties from an account with another larger society, meaning to add more money later. Her prime object was not to benefit irom a takeover, or similar move, but to improve the rate she was earning on her money.

She concedes that, like any-one else, she would have welcomed a takeover payout. But she points out that only those with £100 invested can vote and share in any windfall.

John Stones from Lincoln is to complain to the ombudsman about the National Counties move. Mr Stones, a chartered surveyor, believes that it is unrealistic for the society to demand that all savers have pure motives.

"I opened the account establish a shareholding but I was also looking to transfer my Tessa to the society once it had matured because the National Counties was offering such a good rate," he said.

National Counties also announced this week that it was continuing to bar its doors to all new accounts, whatever the size



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Helmut Kohl knows that the future of his Government depends on the success of his spending cuts and reforms

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mpressive though they are, it is unlikely that Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, had his mind entirely focused on the guard of honour formed by the Scots Downing Street this week.

Chancellor Kohl is far more consumed with implementing his package of spending cuts, welfare reforms and tax changes unveiled last week. At stake is the survival of his Government. Unemployment is above four million, and rising, and forecasts for the GDP growth of the German economy this year have been slashed from 2.5 per cent to 0.5

The federal Government is looking to cut spending next year by £11 billion, while the German states and local authorities attempt to impose similar economies. Whether Chancellor Kohl is entirely successful, the German budget measures do have implica-tions for Britain and UK investors.

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Germany's budget should benefit investors, says Robert Miller

that the German budget mea-sures "will boost confidence" in general although the market has already factored into equity and bond prices the view that not all the cuts will be implemented. She argues that the boost for companies is in a relaxation of the regulations on what companies must pay to staff on sick leave and exempting smaller companies from tough employment protection rules.

David Paterson, managing director of Fleming's unit trust arm, says that, although the German stock market has a market capitalisation of around £290 billion compared with France's £260 billion and the UK's E700 billion, it still has the ability to provide extra impetus to the performance of a well-diversified European unit or investment trust portfolio, which could qualify under

plan. According to Micropal figures this week, the trusts which have managed to sidestep some of the pitfalls set for unwary managers include Fleming's European Fledgling investment trust, up nearly 100 per cent over three years. Morgan Grenfell's Europa and European Growth unit trusts have provided investors with returns over three years of £248.58 and £243.48 respectively on every £100 invested, and that is after charges are

taken into account. But underlying all of Chancellor Kohl's proposed reforms is one dominant theme, according to Mr Paterson: eco-nomic and monetary union (EMU). The Fleming manager, and indeed many of his City counterparts, argue that Germany is fully committed to meeting the strict economic criteria laid down for the first stages of EMU due to be

to do so, however, he needs to produce the necessary GDP figures, which could require an interim lowering of interest

In terms of picking the right German companies to invest in. Mr Paterson says that it is very much down to individual stock selection rather than sector or theme. In the past German companies have been renowned for their secrecy and the fact that the dominant shareholdings were in the hands of a relatively few people, often families, which all had cross-holdings through trusts in each other. That approach is now changing and UK fund managers could be the beneficiaries.

The gradual economic integration into the mainstream European Union of the former Soviet bloc countries has naturally had the greatest impact on Germany and there is still some considerable fiscal pain to be inflicted. Nevertheless a slightly more aggressive approach to investment in the mainland European markets is unlikely to go amiss on a

ScotAm tests patience of the Revenue

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cessarily one to be proud of. On Wednesday, ScotAm's Personal Equity Plan (Pep) holding the remaining £44,000 in warrants, which the remaining based on a new Amicable Strategy split capital investment trust with a seven-year can then be converted to life, a minimum investment capital shares in the investof £10,000 and a maximum ment trust. Dividend rights attach only to the ordinary The Scottish life office has shares: all income arises

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John Cowan, ScotAm's general manager, says: "We regard this as a significant milestone in the development of investment products. The great attraction of

status but their biggest draw-back is the £6,000 investment limit. Under current legislation, the Pep portfolio gives the client similar tax breaks to a general Pep but raises the investment that more than seven.

City investment trust analysts believe that ScotAm is testing the spirit of the Pep rules to the limit. More likely is that it is pushing the patience of the Inland Revenue even further.

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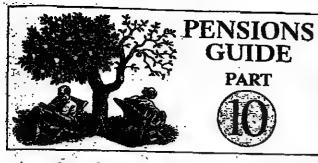
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Pension Fund Windrawal: Pension fund withdrawal, introduced in 1995, allows you to take a tax-free jump sum from your pension and then to withdraw money from your fund before buying an annuity. That decision can now be delayed until age 75.

The two biggest players in this market are Winterthur Life and National Mutual. The biggest single advantage of the pension fund withdrawal approach is greater flexibility," says John Moret, head of sales and marketing at Winterthur Life. "You have more control over your income. You are not locked into an annuity at interest rates which apply at the time. of your retirement and if you die soon after stopping work your money doesn't simply. disappear into the insurance

How it works: The size of withdrawals you can make from your fund are restricted to

between 35 and 100 per cent of the pension that could have been purchased by the fund using a conventional annuity. However, if investment performance is poor, your fund could fall in value and you might end up with a lower pension than if you had bought an annuity immediately. The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has altered its description of the schemes to pension fund withdrawal plans to reflect the fact that money withdrawn before the annuity purchase could be eating into capital. Because of extra risk, most pension companies do not recommend pension fund withdrawal for those with funds of below £100,000 if it is to provide their only or main source of pension.

Simon Philip, director of personal financial planning at Binder Hamyln, suggests £250,000. We estimate that the minimum return needed for income withdrawal to break even with an annuity is 10-11 per cent. To produce an annual return at this level, it is likely the fund will need to be invested almost wholly in equities."

ut Stephen Phillips of National Mutual Life, says: "People with both occupational and personal pensions who do not need to draw all the income from their personal pension scheme initially could find these schemes particularly useful."

Some may be prepared to tolerate the extra risks because of the position on death. With a conventional annuity, unless there is a minimum payment period or a spouse's or dependant's pension has been paid for in advance, the pension fund pension withdrawal scheme, it can be passed to a spouse or dependent who can buy an annu-



Investors are best advised to look before they leap into an annuity abyss

ity or continue withdrawals until an annuity must be bought. More significantly, where there is no spouse or dependent child under 18, the total fund, less 35 per cent tax, will be paid to the policyholder's estate. Those who do not die will have to consider the right time rates move higher, this could bring a higher income. Leaving

to buy an annuity. If interest it to the last opportunity at 75 may be unwise in case interest rates plunge suddenly. Binder Hamlyn has developed an Annuity Relative Price Index to diagnose when conversion conditions may be favourable. A potential advantage of the other method of deferring annuity purchase through the phased approach is that as you are buy-

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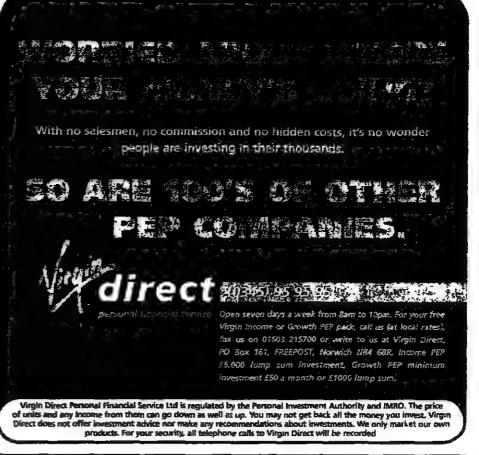
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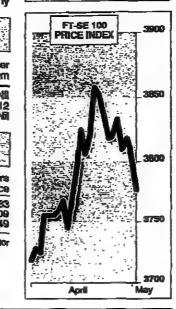
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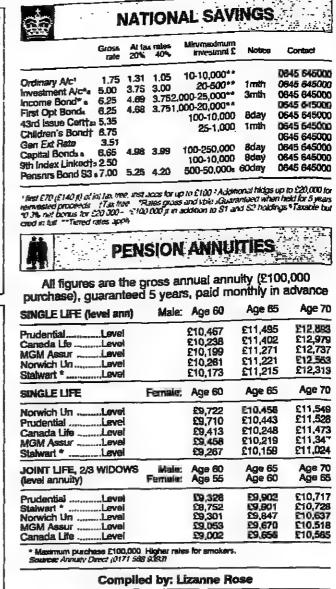
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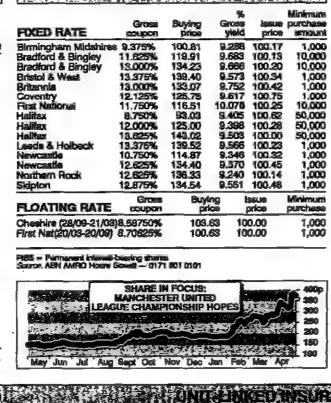
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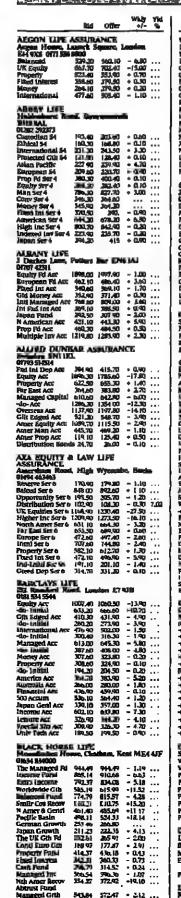
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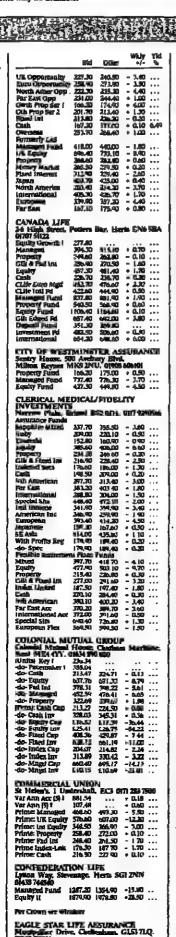
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Gooch picks favourite rivals for punishment

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (second day of four! Essex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 84 runs ahead of Worces-

GRAHAM GOOCH enjoys batting against Worcestershire. Actually, being an abiding obsessive about the game. he enjoys batting against anyone, but it is Worcestershire's bowling which comes easiest to him these days - so easy that his masterful 85 at New Road yesterday was his lowest score against them in three SEEDONA

Two years ago, on this ground, Gooch scored 101 in the first innings and then, as Essex memorably chased upwards of 400 on the last day, 205 in the second. He made 86 and 165 as Essex won again last summer and his batting vesterday was not only on a different plane to anything else seen in the game but

indicated a similar result. Worcestershire have looked a poor side in this match and they are heavily indebted to Stuart Lampitt for having any foothold at all. Lampitt batted doughtily for 46 before taking the first three Essex wickets to fall with bowling that put the waywardness of his colleagues into stark perspective. He may never quite be good enough for Test cricket but, in his new role as a selector, Gooch had

precious little else to admire. It was precisely 50 years ago today that first-class cricket resumed after the war, Worcestershire meeting the Indians here just as they will do next week. Gooch was not born then - not quite, anyway - but for a man pushing 43 he is still batting quite well enough to justifiably pick him-

self for England if the whim for a comeback appealed. Worcestershire had scored #at barely 2.5 runs an over, so it was difficult to believe one was watching the same game when Gooch and Darren Robnson launched the Essex reply at a rate of almost seven. When they were parted, in the 25th over, the deficit was 43.

Worcestershire had the

worst of the conditions, cer-

sacrificial shots. benefit on both occasions, terminated the innings with three for one in nine balls and

finished with five for 57, his best figures for Essex. His only other five-wicket analysis came in the first championship innings of last season.

from Gooch. In an hour after tea, Essex lost three wickets for 45. Robinson was bowled playing no shot, Hussain caught behind against a ball that seamed and lifted and Gooch, having hit 14 fours and two sixes, leg-before falling across his stumps. His departure left the stage to Stuart Law, who made batting look almost as

simple and just as stylish. WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings T S Curtis c Gooch b Wilserns 2
W P C Weston c Grayson b floit 13
G A Hack low b floit 18

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-158, 2-162, 3-203,
4-256, 5-265.

BOMUNG: Nemport 11-2-55-0; Sheriyar
11-1-60-0; Lemport 14-1-74-3, Thornas 5-0-57-1; Gingworth 8,1-3-10-1; Leetherdale
2-0-9-0. Bonus points: Wordestershire 3 Eseat 6. Umpires; T E Jesty and R A White.

tainly during the murk of the opening day, but batting was far from impossible yesterday. Leatherdale and Lampitt showed as much in a stand of 51, but both were out to

Neil Williams, the bowler to

The first 20 overs of the Essex reply yielded 100 runs in boundaries alone. Newport gave Gooch a start with 12 from an appalling first over and Sheriyar could not locate a line in two spells containing four legside sixes. Thomas was lively but erratic and only Lampitt regularly received the magisterially approving nod

Edras (b 2, ib 2, w 2, nb 6) 24

Total (79.2 overs) 201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-38, 3-39, 4-78, 5-96, 6-147, 7-148, 8-196, 9-200

EDWLING: Not 32-7-22-3; Williams 22-2-6-167-5; Concent 17-9-27; Irans 8-3-16-1.

ESSEC: First Innings

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D J Fotinano b Lampit: 65

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G Law not out 64

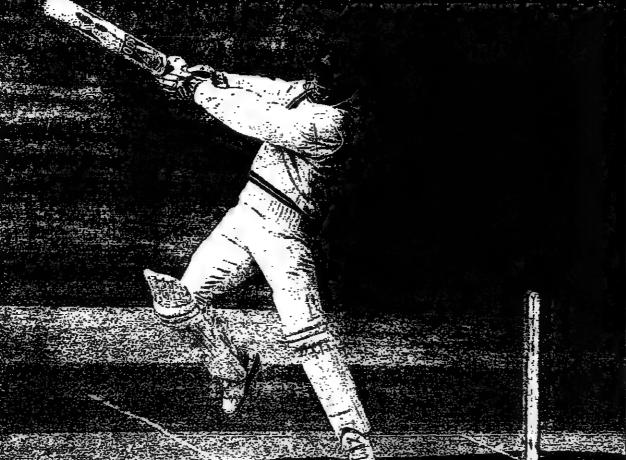
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Estate (b 11, ib 9, w 1, nb 18) 39

Total (5 wids, 64,1 overs) 286

Total (5 wids, 54.1 overs) 386 †FLJ Rotins, M.C. Hott, A.P. Cowen, A.P. Gravison and N.F. Willerns to bat.



Hollioake cashes in as bowlers dawdle

reach his century, and striking

the ball cleanly at other times,

as a tally of 22 boundaries

indicates. He added 99 with

Thorpe for the fifth wicket and

127 with Lewis for the sixth

before he dragged on, giving

Lee, of New South Wales, his

Thorpe, returning to the fray after retiring hurt the

previous night, completed a

sound half-century before

nudging a catch to Turner.

That was Shine's fifth wicket

on his Somerset debut and a

sixth followed when Lewis

chased a wide ball and got a

tickle. Brown and Stewart had

been undone earlier by balls of

full length as they failed to

ting came from Julian. the

other Australian in this match,

whose fifty came from 36 balls

as he leaned into Rose, who

had one of his indulgent days.

Van Troost, who had bowled

with some fire and little luck,

After Lathwell's early de-

Hayhurst, who was missed by

Brown at slip on two, saw

Somerset through to stumps.

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The most adventurous bat-

first championship wicket.

By Michael Henderson TAUNTON (second day of four): Somerset, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are

250 runs behind Surrey SOMERSET played dim cricket yesterday. They allowed Surrey, who were 55 for four early in the day, to reach 367 and, inexcusably, needed five hours and 15 minutes to bowl 70 overs. It is not as if Rose and Lee charged in from the next county. One of these days, if they keep up that rate, they will still be bowling

Nor were Surrey exactly brisk when the Somerset innings began after tea. Lewis soon retreated to gully after bowling five no-balls, three of them in a single over, and overstepped three times when he switched ends. What a carry-on. If he was fined £50 every time he ran through the crease Lewis would soon buck his ideas up. Or would he?

when the Nine O'Clock News

Hollicake was responsible for reshaping the Surrey innings. He made 128 from 141 balls, enjoying some good fortune along the way, notably when top-edging van Troost to

Several milestones were

Weekes, of Middlesex, turns on the power and hits a four off Smith, of Gloucestershire, in a fine innings at Lord's Pooley opens up rich seam of runs

Middlesex, with six secondinnings wickets in hand, are

runs ahead Gloucestershire THERE is about the Middlesex batting order a solidity which should ensure that making runs will be the least of their concerns this season. Jason Pooley, who had an impressive England A tour last winter, made 73 yesterday, putting on 124 with Paul Weekes, his established opening partner. That and an

details of the day. The pitch was somewhat easier to bat on come midafternoon, when, for the first time in the match, there was some spin. Gentle it was, too, for the day was still numbingly cold. Pooley and Weekes each struck Davis for six and continued to drive and pull the quicker bowlers as competently as they had all innings.

unbeaten innings of 46 by

Mike Gatting were the salient

When Pooley went, bowled on the back foot by Cooper, so Weekes departed at the same total. It is often the case after such a stand and, besides, he

made out of a total of 362 for

By Ivo Tennant LORD'S (second day of four): had just reached his half-

century. Smith, who had him caught at first slip, soon bowled Carr and had Brown taken at short leg.
Removing both Gatting and
Ramprakash, who came in from West Indies to take the new ball with Smith, a pairing

Gloucestershire had gained a first-innings lead of 18 through a rollicking last-wicket partnership of 48 from 29 balls between Davis and Smith. If they continue to perform like this, their side will have no great tail at all. For the ball was struck with surprising frequency in the middle of the bat.

Otherwise, Gloucestershire struggled for runs. Symonds went in the second over, Hewitt taking a wicket with his first ball, as he had on Thursday. Alleyne was beaten off the pitch by Fraser and Russell surprisingly attempt-

down the order owing to a rib strain, was another matter. Still, Walsh will soon be back

Total (B witta dec) .. Score at 120 overs: 418-4 which would suggest Gloucestershire will have as good, if not better, a season than they did last year.

Total (2 wids, 47 pveni)

Somerset v Surrey TALINTON Somerset, with rune first-innings wickets in heard, are 250 runs behind Surrey *A J Stewart b Shine G P Thorpe c Tuner b Shine A D Brown low b Shine A J Hollinske b Lee

BOWLING. Shine 24-5-85-5; van 7roosi 22-2-109-2; Lee 19.2-1-85-2; Rose 15-3-88-0. SOMERSET: First innings
M N Latiwet low b M P Bioknet
P D Bowler not out
"A N Heyhurst not out

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Bonus points: Somersat 4 Surray 4. Middlesex y Glores LORO'S: Meddlesex, with six seconomings wickets in hand, are 189 runs aha

MIDDLESEX: First Immgs 200

NORTHAMPTONSHERE: First Is
R R Mantgomene c Collingwood
b Fosser
A Fortham c Soot b Bets
M B Loye for b Bets
M B Loye for b Bets
N J Weene c Burns b Bets
D J Capel b Collingwood
K M Curren not out
A L Penberthy b Bosing
10 Ripley not out
Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 20) Total (7 wids, 105 overs) JE Emburey and JP Taylor to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-69, 3-78, 4-144. 5-176, 6-178, 7-247 BOWLING: Brown 23-5-57-0; Belts 24-4-99-4, Foster 21-4-57-1; Bambridge 9-4-14-0; Boxing 21-10-30-1; Collingwood 7-2-

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Durham v Northants

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DURHAM: "M A Roseberry, S Hutton

Daley, J. E. Morns, P. Banbridge, P. D. Collingwood, M. J. Foster, tC. W. Scott, J. Bolang, S. J. E. Brown, M. M. Batis. Bonus points: Durham 3 Northants 2.

Nottinghamshire v Sussex THENT BRIDGE Susses have economi 279 for eight wickess against Notinghernahus SUSSEX: First Innangs

nes (fb 14, w 1, nb 12) _ Total (8 wids, 108 overn) ES in Decision in beil FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-89, 3-132, 4-133, 5-138, 6-166, 7-170, 8-239

BOWLING: Carns 17-5-47-0; Pennati 22-5-61-3; Evans 22-7-52-1; Tolky 13-3-36-2; Belas 14-1-40-0; Alford 20-9-29-2.

MOTTINGHAMSHIRE: RT Robinson, A A Metcallo, P R Polard, *P Johnson, C L Caims, RT Base, K P Evans, †W M Noon, C M Yolley, D B Pennett, J A Alford

Bonus pointer Nattinghamshire 3 Buseax 2 Glamorgan v Yorkshire

CARDIFF: Glamoigan, with eight first francis wickess in hand, are 404 runs tellind Yorkshire YORIGHURE First Invings
M D Moson c Watten b Croit
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D Byes the b Watten
M G Bevan is Messon b Croit
A McGrath c Lamas b Croit
R J Blakey c Buscher b Croit
P J Hartley b Watten
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A G Wharl and R D Stemp did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-382, 2-385, 3-404, 4-418, 5-424, 8-478, 7-510, 8-596. BOWLING: Watkin 28.5-6-101-2; Thomas 26-3-89-0; Butcher 12-1-62-1; Barwiol. 29-12-70-0; Croft 45-11-133-5; Dale 7-0-44-0; Cottey 3-0-15-0.

GLAMORGAN: First innings P.A. Cottey, G.P. Butcher, R.D.B. Croit, S.D. Thomas, †C.P. Melson, S.L. Watkin and S.R. Barwith in limit FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-92. BOWLING, Gough 11-3-27-0; Harriey 13-3-40-2; Whart 5-0-31-0; Stemp 12-7-18-0; White 5-3-13-0.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 1 Yorkshire 4.

Extras (10 7, w 3, nb 10)

Total (1 wid, 35 overs) ... S.C. Ecclestone, R.J. Harden, S. Lee, 1R.J. Turner, G.D.Rose, P.C.L. Hollowsy, K.J.Shine and A.P. ven Troost to bet.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0

BCWLNG, M P Bicknet 10-1-31-1; Lewis 8-1-30-0; Julian 6-0-25-0; Hellineke 7-1-20-0; Pearson 4-0-7-0.

P N Weekes a Davis b Smith 50
J C Pooley b Cooper 73
M W Geing not out 46
J D Carr b Smith 14
ft R Brown a Henoock b Smith 14
R Ramperleash not out 15
Extress (b 3, w 1, nb 4) 15

90MLNG: Smith 22-7-57-3; Cooper 17-7-28-1; Lawls 15-3-52-0; Alleyne 10-3-21-0; Davis 7-0-39-0; Hancock 2-1-3-0; Symonds 2-0-5-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
A J Winght & Weekes b Fraser
A J Wanght & Weekes b Fraser
A J Canniffe & Brown b Follet
T H C Hancock & Brown b Follet
T H C Hancock & Brown b Fraser
A Symonds c Carr b Hewitt
M W Alleyne low b Fraser
TR C Russel & Weekes b Follet
R P Davis not out
J Lews & Corr b Follet
K E Cooper b Follet
A M Smith b Follet
Extris (16 3, nb 4)

Total (54 overs) 218
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-24, 4-50, 5-86, 6-136, 7-150, 8-160, 9-170

BOWLING Frasar 17-7-33-3; Follett 18-3-94-5; Hawitt 17-4-77-2; Goodchid 2-0-11-0. Bonus points: Middlesex 5 Gloucs 5.

Derbyshire v Leicestershire DERBY Leicestarshire, with all first-mings wickets in hand, are 351 runs behind DERBYSHITE: First Innings
K J Bernett b Mullety
A S Rollins c Nizon b Mullety
A S Rollins c Nizon b Mullety
C J Adams c Velts b Persons
'D M Jones c Parsons b Pierson
T A Tueses c Nizon b Mullety
C M Wells c Smith b Mullety
P A J DeFratas c Nizon b Mullety
H M Krilden not put

Total (8 wids clac, 96,4 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-78, 3-132, 4-151, 5-252, 6-258, 7-258, 8-354, 8-0WLING: Mains 19-0-97-0. Multarly 24-3-83-5; Parsons 16-4-18-2. Welks 14-2-41-0; Piarson 16-4-63-1; Maddy 7-3-10-0 LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Total (no wid, 5 overs) ... BOWLING: Malcolm 3-1-11-0; Cork 2-2-0-0

Bonus points: Derbys 4 Leica 3. No play yesterday CANTERBURY: Wart 05-2 v Lancium

University matches Camb Univ v Warwicks FENNER'S (first day of times, Wanwickshim won loss): Cambridge University, with nine first-innegs wickets in hand, are 348 runt beford Whankinking

WARWICKSHIRE First limitigs N V Knight c Churton b Moffet
W G Khan run out
D P Oster not out
L Penney b Hante
D R Brown not out Total (3 wids dec) FALL OF WICKETS 1-228, 2-288, 3-270. BOWLING: Haute 17-2-74-1, Jamach 17-3 95-0; Mohat 16-1-50-1; Jones 12-1-72-0 How 11 4-1-70-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings R T Ragnauth c Ostier b Munton
E T Smith not out
A Singh not out Total (1 wid) ..

FALL OF WICKET: 1-10 BOWUNG: Murton 5-2-3-1; Brown 3-0-13-0; Gles 2-1-4-0 Oxford Univ v Hampshire

THE PARKS (second day of three) Orland University, with any fast-minings wickels in hand, are 123 runs behind Hampshire

Total (8 wids dec) 327
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-151, 3-163, 4-162, 5-229, 6-234, 7-251, 6-292 BOWLING: Du Presz 11-2-44-0; Thomson 13-3-37-0; Weigh 30-7-86-2, Mellik 43-14-119-3, Mather 17-5-31-3.

119-3. Mather 17-5-31-3.
COCORD UNIVERSITY: First Immings
"C M Guote st Aymes b Whitelear
I J Sutdiffe c Aymes b Connor
A N Riddey c Aymes b Whitelear
G A Khan low b Thursteld
M A Wagh not out
H S Malik not out

In contrast, Yorkshire's BY JACK BAILEY of a formidable Yorkshire total of 536 for eight. opening pair had offered not CARDIFF (second day of four): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickers in hand. one chance until, after batting

Moxon masters haul of records

are 404 runs behind Yorkshire MARTYN MOXON'S 213 was the fifth double-century of his career it was also the first scored by any batsman

on either side in 100 meetings

between Yorkshire and Gla-

Quite apart from the fact that it was the stanle diet on the menu for more than 812 hours and played its part in the breaking of several records for this fixture, it represented. with Michael Vaughan's 183, the bones and most of the flesh

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yesterday, after Yorkshire had finished gorging themselves, has, so far, led to relatively slim pickings on a pitch that is still good for batting, though less good than when Moxon and Vaughan laid the foundations of their 362 partnership. Glamorgan lost James and Dale for less than 100, but Morris remains with a halfcentury to his credit.

Glamorgan's reply during the 46 overs left to them

one. Morris was put down at first slip by the usually reliable Bevan off Hartley. Just how costly this will be remains

for nearly 7½ hours and striking 28 fours, Vaughan mistimed a cover drive off Butcher and fell to a good, low catch. It was Butcher's first wicket in first-class cricket.

passed. When they had made 335, Moxon (24 fours) and Vaughan beat the previous highest opening stand against Glamorgan by any county: when they had put on 3SI, they When he had made only also passed Yorkshire's highest opening parmership any where since the Second World War, Moxon had also figured in that one, together with one Geoffrey Boycott.

Barnett reaches milestone in style BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

KIM BARNETT marked his

350th first-class match for Derbyshire in the grand manner yesterday, scoring an unbeaten 200 at Derby in the county championship match against Leicestershire, the same opponents against whom he made his highest score, 239 not out, in 1988.

Barnett went into the game needing 383 runs to become the highest scorer for the county, a record held by Denis Smith with 20.516. After some luck early on, he became so dominant that his second hundred came from

right declared. Leicestershire might have had a good day but for Barnett, for Alan Mulially worried all the other batsmen

and deserved his figures of five for 83. David Lloyd, the new England coach, was at Trent Bridge and was probably as baffled as everyone else by the way Sussex, having reached

contrived to lose seven wickets for 87 in the afternoon session. Andy Afford, the left-arm spinner who had coaching from Sussex's former cricket manager, Norman Gifford, during the winter, dismissed only 121 balls. The third dou-Wells and Martin

84 without loss by lunch.

Speight in the space of three balls before Neil Lenham. who had a finger broken by Chris Cairns in the corresponding fixture last season, took his side to 279 for eight with an unbeaten 90.

Kevin Curran, with a dogged 47 not out, led Northamptonshire from 178 for six to 273 for seven at Chester-le-Street against Durhan, for whom Melvyn Betts took four

Nick Knight and Wasim Khan, who both made centuries, put on 228 for the first Warwickshire wicket at Fenner's, where the champions scored 363 for three against Cambridge Univers-

Britain loses out

in race for money

Rain has remedial effect on Howell

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE bad weather that has dogged the PGA European Tour this year is continuing here and the Italian Open is now a race against time. After further interruptions for rain and lighming yesterday morning, David Garland, the tournament director, decided to

Instead of a complicated rescheduling that had required some players to begin their second round at 6pm yesterday. Garland changed his mind and settled for seeing the entire field through 18 holes.

The second round will be held today, weather permitting, and, if all goes well, that will enable the final two rounds to be played on Sunday. These are big ifs. Bergamo is about 1,000 feet above sea level and although it is May and one would have expected the weather to have settled, it has not. This event is the eighth of the 13 held so far this year to have been dominated or disrupted by bad

The six boats are DBS Financial Management (Rus-For David Howell, 20, the sell Peters), Debra (Roger former Walker Cup player Yeoman), Frontera (Lawrie who has had two top-ten Smith), Hoya (Eddie Warden Owen), Mobil (Pete finishes in the nine events he has played in Europe this Newlands), and an as yet year, the delay is a blessing. He hurt tendons in his right unsponsored entry, skippered

wrist on Tuesday when he was manhandling some luggage. and every day that passes is a help to its recovery. Before he started his first round, he had his wrist bandaged and, as long as he remembered to swing slowly, the pain did not affect him much.

As is often the case with

golfers who are not in peak health, Howell played very good golf. He was two under par when play was cancelled on Thursday and, when he resumed, he had three more birdies for a 66 to move to five under. He is one stroke behind Gary Evans and level with Costantino Rocca, who had finished more than 24 hours earlier, and Patrik Sjoland. Howell, however, is concerned at having to play three rounds in two days. The worst pain is on my backswing if I'm too

when play was stopped and concluded his round 25½

hours later. It was not the best

round of his life, a 69, but it

was one of the longest.

quick," he said. had a chance. In this weather-interrupted This was not what Rusedki tournament no one had to wait as long as Ronan Raiferty, a past winner of this event, between starting their first point in the tie-break. round and completing it. Rafferty had hit two shots on to the first green on Thursday

IT TAKES a great deal to stop Greg Rusedski from smiling but last night Borut Uhr, of Slovenia, almost managed it (Alix Ramsay writes). Playing

Euro/African zone group two

The result had appeared to be a formality with Rusedski. Britain's leading player in the absence of Tim Henman, ranked 420 places above the Slovenian No 2. And with the power of Rusedski's service. the omens were good for a quick win. Sure enough, the first set was over in 20 minutes, but a long game of three deuces in the second set suddenly showed Uhr that he

had in mind. By the end of

A NEW track and field season begins in earnest today and. while the International Amateur Athletic Federation (LAAF) grand prix opens in Rio de Janeiro offering record prize-money, the sport in Britain is running around with the

begging bowl. When John Lister stood down in March as treasurer of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), he warned of "painful" years ahead. The suffering has begun in the men's British League, which is losing its sponsor of 20 years, and in the women's UK League, which

has no commercial support.

The BAF announced an operating loss of £174,000 last year and faces uncertainty over a £480,000 High Court action from Diane Modahl and its contract with ITV which expires this year. Much may depend on how British athletes perform in the Olympic Games where Edwards, Christie, Jackson, Gunnell, Backley, Holmes and Mc-Colgan are all potential cham-

nions and salespersons.

"We have a lot of outstand-

ing athletes who I think are

going to perform well," Mal-

colm Arnold, the BAF's chief

coach, said. Arnold refers to

the "turmoil" of last year,

when the federation fell into

dispute with leading athletes.

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT At least the BAF has been able to boast two new sevenfigure sponsorship deals this year and has improved relations with athletes. It is aware, though, that it is too reliant on television and sponsorship and an application for Nat-

ional Lottery money would, if successful, help elite and de-

veloping athletes. For the elite, the prospect of wealth has never been greater. Even before the IAAF announced a new televison deal with the European Broadcasting Union, worth £110 million. record grand prix award-money of £2.2 million was announced. No grand prix sponsor has been named, but Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, has said that a more lucrative sponsorship than the previous deal with Mobil

would be announced shortly. Most athletes competing in the national leagues this weekend will be out of pocket. Club poverty has not been helped by the BAF's reduced grant to the British Association of Track and Field Leagues. The struggle is exemplified by Wolverhampton and Bilston AC, champions eight times, who have resigned from the British League, and Haringey AC, champions six times, who almost quit on financial grounds.

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Steve Wright. New at the weekend on Radio 2. As you'd expect, unexpected.

ble-century of his career was Rusedski conquers his nerves

the Davis Cup

tennis tie at Newcastle, Rusedski appeared to be cruising to a simple victory until Uhr relaxed and stretched an edgy Rusedski for two and a quarter hours before the adopted Briton eguld win 6-1, 6-1, 6-7, 6-3.

the third set he was in deep water and he failed to win a Even when Uhr was broken for 5-3 in the fourth set, he was causing Rusedski problems

as the Briton fell to 0-40 in the

last game. It took a total of

four match points before he

could put the Slovenian away

with two thundering aces.

Mark Of Esteem has classic appeal

MARK OF ESTEEM, the horse which lanced the blister of bad blood between Henry Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed, can make headlines in his own right by winning the Pertemps 2,000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket today.

This intriguing classic is likely to be decided by narrow margins. And Mark Of Esteem, who missed the cold spring by wintering in Dubai, has the benefit of an ideal preparation. He deserves preference over Alhaarth, the twoyear-old champion whose sheen was tarnished in a narrow defeat by Beauchamp King over the course and distance 16 days ago.

Alhaarth and Beauchamp King have since dominated a betting market fuelled by fierce debate over which colt will prevail in the rematch. So scarce is the evidence, so ter tous the logic, that no firm conclusions can be drawn. Yet the Craven Stakes revealed

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Alhaarth to be no immovable object. Mark Of Esteem need not be an irresistible force to take his measure.

It has been largely forgotten that a scant neck separated Alhaarth and Mark Of Esteem when the pair made their debuts last July. Even then, the physical problems afflict-ing Mark Of Esteem were evident when Cecil later reported his charge short of work. But if those words made little immediate impact, Cecil was more forthright after Mark Of Esteem triumphed in minor company at Goodwood the following month. "Never again will my horse be beaten by Alhaarth," he declared.

Of course, Mark Of Esteem is no longer Cecil's horse. A knee injury, diagnosed on his transfer to Godolphin's desert stable in October, was cited in Sheikh Mohammed's sacking of Cecil. The Darshaan coll has since thrived in the Dubai. climate. There has been no sign of limb frailty and the victory of Mick's Love yesterday demonstrated the health of Godolphin's three-year-old

Should he triumph, Mark Of Esteem will be the fourth individual classic winner Cecil has lost to Godolphin. Cecil will be hoping to stop the rot with Storm Trooper, an impressive winner over nine furlongs here last month.

Pat Eddery lends encourgement, having deserted Danehill Dancer for Storm Trooper, but closer scrutiny of the colt's credentials leaves him with something to find. Essentially, Storm Trooper beat a field of backward, staying types on his most recent outing. And he looks safely held by Beauchamp King on their Ascot encounter in October.

Those prepared to entertain Royal Applause ignore the fact that he hails from sprinting blood. This unbeaten colt has never travelled beyond six furlongs, the distance at which he should excel in summer. He will have to be outstanding to triumph over the stiff Newmarket mile. Regiment and Timbleweed Ridge are others who may lack the requisite stamina at this level.

Bijou D'Inde, Danehill

Dancer and Even Top add depth to the field without having shown enough to fight out the finish. Masehaab is more central to the plot; he has been commissioned by Sheikh Hamdan as Alhaarth's pacemaker. But Masehaab may be of limited assistance the pair are drawn wide apart, in stalls two and 12 respectively. be could work to the advantage of those drawn around him. Mark Of Esteem is among

The Alhaarth camp is confident their colt will be mentally sharper than when pulling wildly for his head in the Craven Stakes. Assuming his demeanour is more relaxed, Alhaarth's punishing stride should account for the admirable Beauchamp King. He looks vulnerable, however, and Mark Of Esteem can cut him down in a tense finish. Leonine, a 66-i chance, has ability and appeals as the best



Beauchamp King, left, defeats Albaarth at Newmarket last month. They renew rivalry in the 2,000 Guineas today

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ALHAARTH

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Jul 11, 1995, Newmarket, good firm: (3-0) best Mark Of Esteem (9-1 neck (7), mdn, £5,527, 16 ran). BEAUCHAMP KING

Apr. 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) beet Albearth (9-0) neck (1m, gp III, £19,692, 5 ran);
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Oct 21, 1995, Doncaster, good firm: see Beauchamp King. Sep 29, 1995, Newmarket, good (8-8) beet Tumbleweed Ridge (8-9 1)5/ (71, list, £10,048, 8 ran). Sep 12, 1995, Sandown, good to soft: (9-1) 1341 2nd to inchrory (9-1) (1m, cond, 24,809, 8 ran). LEONINE

Aug 31, 1995, York, good to firm: (9-0) best Musick House (9-0) 11/4 (6f, mdn, £5,163, 5 ran). Aug 17, 1985, York, good to firm: (9-0) short-head 2nd to Desert Boy (9-0) (6t, moin, £9,381, 8 ran). MARK OF ESTEEM

Jul 38, 1995, Goodwood, firm: (8-[1) best Tawks (8-11) 31 (71, mdn, £7,035,

MASEHAAB Oct 10, 1995, Leicester, good: (9-2) best Miglc Lake (8-5) 1% (71, cond, 25,366, 4 ran).

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Apr 6, Kempton, good: (8-8) best Centre Stalls (8-8) 11 (1m, flet, 211,961, 10 ran). Sep 16, 1995, the Curragh, good: (9-0) beet Polaris Flight (9-0) 1 16 (7f, gp), 259,100, 7 ran).

Jul 2nd of 8 to Honest Guest (8-5) (7f, cond, £6,185, 8 ran).

ROYAL APPLAUSE

Sep 26, 1995, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beet Woodborough (8-11) 4l (6t, gp l, £72,929, 5 ran). go, go, s. 27-23624, 5 ram).

Aug 16, 1995, York, good to firm:
(3-0) beat Tumbleweed Ridge (3-11)
field (8f, gp II, 570,144, 5 ran).
Jun 20, 1995, Ascot, good to firm:
(8-12) beat Russian Revivel (8-12) 2l
(6t, gp III, 526,080, 13 ram). STORM TROOPER

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Jul 12, 1995, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-13) neck and 34i 3rd to Tagula (8-10) (8f, gp 1f, £18,476, 9 ran). Selection: DANEHILL DANCER

Struggler should relish return to minimum trip

CHANNEL 4

3.05: This is a quality handicap, won for the last five years by a horse rated 90 or higher, and the two that make most appeal are Special Dawn and Verzen. Special Dawn was just pipped in the Rosebery at Kempton on ground that would have been plenty soft enough and John Dunlop's runner, usually at his best at this time of year, should appreciate today's faster surface.

Verzen is a slightly mercurial character but looks well treated judged on his victory on the July course last summer and an even better performance behind Prince Of Andros in a listed race at Wolverhampton. Being by Salse, he should not lack for stamina on his first attempt at this trip. My Learned Friend is reasonably handicapped but normally requires his first run of the season while the lightly-raced Polydamas would not need to improve much to enter calculations.

3.45: See left.

4.20: Although Mind Games bucked the trend 12 months ago, three-year-olds tend to he at a disadvantage against older sprinters at this time of year. That said, the unbeaten Blue Iris is an interesting runner who looks sure to pick up her fair share of races this term.

Ya Malak was second in the Nunthorpe Stakes last summer, and five of the last eight winners of this race have run well in the York sprint Hever Golf Rose faces a tough task trying to overcome a group one penalty but Struggler makes considerable appeal. Not fully wound up when a good third here to Passion For Life, he should be even better over today's minimum trip.

4.50: Seigneurial had the benefit of the draw when dead-heating at Kempton 26 days ago and has been fortunate to be drawn near the far rail. Sir Joey arguably ran his best race over course and distance a year ago and looked to be returning to his best when runnerup at Sandown eight days ago. However, he might find it tough reversing the form with the winner, Mister margin and is just as effective over six furlongs. Castierea Lad faced a tough task when a staying-on fifth to Carranita at Thirsk last time and will not be far away

provided the ground is fast.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK

2.00: Mary Reveley's in-form Highbank, a good second at Perth eight days ago is marginally preferred to Sovereigns Parade, who looked useful when winning here on his hurdling debut in December but has not run since disappointing on softer ground at Kempton.

2.30: Treasure Again is one of my favourite hurdlers and looks sure to make a nice novice chaser next season, but he would prefer more give in the ground. Sun Surfer won handicaps at Chepstow and Cheltenham in the spring and is reaonably treated but will do well to beat Go-Informal. Malcolm Jefferson's pro-



Reveley: winning chance

gressive runner disappointed at Punchestown two weeks ago, but is worth another chance to repeat the form which saw him finish an excellent second to Urubande in the Sun Alliance Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

3.00: Despite winning his last two starts and being raised 81b by the handicapper for his most recent success at Ascot, Flying Instructor still looks fairly treated. Paul Webber's progressive hurdler should be able to cope with this step up in class. Suivez, also a winner at Ascot on his latest start, is in great heart and looks the main danger provided the rain stays away.

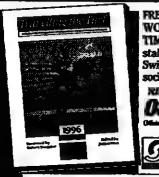
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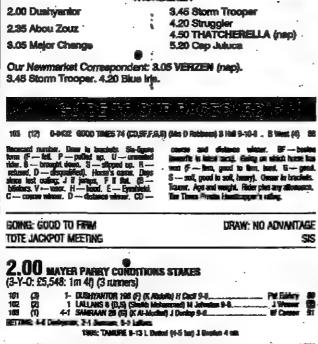
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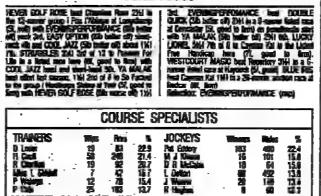
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Phar Too Touchy tries further

NOT many horses are still pulling at the end of a three-mile race but if they are, why not try them over four miles (Carl Evans writes). With that in mind, Devon trainer Victor Dartnall has elected to run Phar Too Touchy in today's four-mile ladies' open at the Modbury Harriers' fixture. She will be a skinny price; horses which win eight races in a season invariably are and with that total to her name, Phar Too Touchy heads the Grand Marnier Trophy given to the season's most successful horse. TODAY'S POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS: Devon & Somerset Stag, Holnicote, 3m W Minchead (2:00); Lauderdale, Mosshouses, 4m N of Galashiels (2:00); Modbury Herriers, Flete Park, 10m E of Plymouth (2:00); Pendile Forest & Craven, Gisburn, 1m SW of Gisburn (2:00); Surrey Union, Peper Harow, 3m W of Godalming (2:00) TOMORROW; Fermie, Dengley, 3m E of Mkt Harborough (2:15)

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3.30 CROWTHER HOMES HEW FLORIDA HANDICAP HUITOLE (24,993: 2m 4f) (10 runners)
1 1134/P-2 RUSTY REEL 24 (0.8) (5 Perry) biles H Knight 6-11-10
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4.05 CROWTHER HOMES EDGE GREEN NOVICES CLAIMING H	URDLE
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4.30 CROWTHER HOMES DOCK LANE HOVICES HUNDLE	
(£3,022: 2m) (9 runners)	
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8 D1-26 ANABRANCH 57 (NF.S) (NRS to Select) Street / Edwards 5-10-9	愚
7 06-1549 BODEARI PRODUCER 10 (Instant Logs Study of Selection Bodes) J. Harris 4-10-9	50
5 SALICELD KING 28 (J. Winder) An Santas 4-10-5 BETTING: 9-4 Drugon Ride, 5-2 Obsertamento. 3-1 Tarvock, 12-1 Mantastic, Anabinsock, 14-1 Indiah, 16-1 other BETTING: 9-4 Drugon Ride, 5-2 Obsertamento. 3-1 Tarvock, 12-1 Mantastic, Anabinsock, 14-1 Indiah, 16-1 other	art.
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GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

HASE (23,343; 2m 4(110yd) (14)

1 3-03 WALLS COURT 9 I Britert 9-11-11 ... L O'Hara
1 144 ALY DALEY 25 (F.6) J Howard Jehreon 9-11-11 P Carberry
3 5R32 CHOISTY 14 Mars A Senthanh 6-11-9 ... R Supple
4 34-2 ESTABLISH 18 J Dodds 8-11-8 ... R Supple
5 USSA TUDOR FELLOW 12 J Wade 7-10-10 ... K Jones
6 USSA TUDOR FELLOW 12 J Wade 7-10-10 ... K Jones
7 4000 SOLD PREGNA 47 B Rottmell 7-10-5 ... E Callaghan 15)
8 6PSA DOMONANS REEF 19 (F.S) Mars L Marshall 10-18-8 ... D Bentley
10 3464 EXCISE MAN 23 (S) F Walton 8-10-8 ... B Storey
10 3464 EXCISE MAN 23 (S) F Walton 6-10-8 ... B Storey
11 3469 DOMONDO HUT 12 (F) W McKerent 12-10-0 ... G Carbil (3)
2 0007 OLD BETSY 12 Mars S wind 6-10-0 ... J Callaghan
13 1RP SUNY ZETA 18 (6) R Gaidre 12-10-0 ... J Callaghan
14 PS-P LITHELE-BRIS 9 A Crym 13-10-0 ... P Waggett
2 AN Dainy 4-1 Choety. 5-1 Exemblesh. 8-1 Marror's Rosson. 12-1 others

5-2 Aly Dainy, 4-1 Chaety, 5-1 Establish, 8-1 Minra's Roscoe, 12-1 others

1.3 registered, 6-1 (Appel Model) 7-1 registed Frend 8-1 clines. 8.30 DR MICHAEL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(Amaleurs, £2,447, 3m 1l) (14)

(£2,111: 3m) (10)

7.00 CHESTERS STUD NOVICES HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,343: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

THUNDERER	
2.40 lktasab. 3.10 Pinecone Peter. 3.40 Toog Be True. 4.15 Wakt. 4.45 Holy Wanders Persian Tactics, 5.55 River Bay. 6.25 Gaetic	er. 5.20
GOING. GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES)	SIS

2.40 (£2,402:	BILL LOVE JUVENILE NOVICE 2m) (8 runners)	S HURDLE
3 0235 4 0006 5 4630 6	CAND. 39 W Clay 10-12 ARTASAB St P Nichalt. 10-12 LANCER 179 R Juckes 10-12 TANGO MAN 18 R Price 10-12 WANSTEAD 149 (N) Justims 10-12 YOUNG RADICAL J Upcon 10-12 SUPER BRUSH 48 P JOHNSON 10-7 SUPER BRUSH 48 P JOHNSON 10-7.	A Dubb

anes .	5-4 Masab, 5-2 Lancer, 5-1 Warsdead, 8-1 Super Brish, 12-1 others
SIS	3.10 w s atkins handicap hurdle (£2,955: 2m 41 110yd) (10)
1	1 1PD3 CHECAGO'S BEST 26 (B.CD.BF.F.G) K WINDOWS 9-11-10 J Ryd 2 404P JEASSU 49 (CD.F.G.S) A J Wilson 13-11-7. Cares Wichig 3 D10S PINECONE PETER 28 (V.D.F.G.S) O Brancan 9-11-6 M Brand 1-123 VARDOT 84 (D.G.S.) Mrs. M Reveloy 7-11-5 R Health
st 36 ph 81 ph 86	5 5041 WCERDY RILER 26 (0,0) J Jeniors 5-11-1 D Saym 6 0055 Secolusion 14 (26) 8 Cambidge 5-11-1 Mr J Cambidge 7 275 SWEET MOBILE 5F (0.5) N Desay 7-10-12 Mr Secolusion 3 6 635- SWITTLE ALLEY 425 (6.5) W Cite 10-10-8 Gay Lawks 7 9 4963 FIREFELD IN BIT EX 24 (6.5) W Cite 10-10-8 Gay Lawks 7 9 4963 FIREFELD IN BIT EX 25 (6.5) W Cite 10-10-8 AD McCr

a. 7-1 others
Mr R Ford -11-8 R Gamby S McHell 11 A Dobbin 10-10-8 J F Tidey W Marston A P McCoy pub, 8-1 others.

	4.15 MITH MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,599: 2m 51) (7)
L	1 IZ2 CHADWICE Speed 26 (F,G) W Timing 8-11-10 D Parter (2 -P22 OVER THE ISLAND 9 J Howard Johnson 8-10-12 . J F Trib
l	3 25PO NORTHERN OPTIMEST 26 (F.G) 8 Lieuwing 8-18-11 A P McC
١	4 03P5 SOUL TRADER 24 (V.G) N Babbage 7-10-8 A Dobb 5 18P0 WAKT 52 (F.S) J White 6-10-7 W McFarta
	6 6424 NIKAROO 23 J King 10-10-0
L	-1 Chadwick's Garger, 7-2 Nikaroo, 4-1 Over The Island, 5-1 others

4.45 WATERAID HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,773: 2m) (5)	
1 3011 MOLY WANDERER 25 (CD.F.G) T George 7-11-10. A P MicCoy 2 0305 MISTER DRUM 14 (D.S.S) Williamson 7-11-3. P Crowley (7) 3 2106 SANT CIEL 21 (CD.B.S) F Jundan 8-10-8 J. Lodder 4 4344 SUPREME MASTER 11 (D.S) Miss C Johnsoy 8-10-1 W Marston 6 3325 MAZZANI 24 (D.B) A Compl 11-10-0 Cars Webt (5)	

5.20 CALOR GAS NOVICES CHASE (£2.918: 2m) (6)
 3134 PERSIAN TACTICS 182 (D.SF.F.S.S) K Baley 7-11-10 S McNe 2 SPIP STAR OF DAVID 14 (B.D.F.S) Mes A Embricos B-11-10 J Rys 3 SQC CRAMMAL RECORD 7 (P. P Bookly 8-11-4. Thomas 4 -045 ICE MACIC 14 (N.F. Yardey B-11-4. W McFatan
9 0-35 NGC-EPADD 3 (6.5) S Rootstee 6-11-4 Wr R For 6 0808 TEST MATCH 28 (6.5) W Clay 9-11-4 Guy Leves (3 2-4 Persian Techus 7-2 Star (1) Grand 9-2 Crimma Rector 6-1 others

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		HOUGHTON VAUGHAN MAIDEN C L Hunt flat race (Div I; \$1,774:	
1	D	ARCTIC FUSILIER 63 N Telston-Danes 5-11-5	C Liewell
2		BACHE DINGLE 149 Mr. S. Johnson 5-11-5	A Troms
· 3	45	CHARLEY LAMBERT 24 J JAMES 5-11-5	A Dobb
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	6.2	5 NAL	HOUGHTON YAUGHAN MAIDEN OPEN . HUNT PLAT RACE (Div II 21,763: 2m) (*6)
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7-2 Bayerd, 4-1 Spring Gale, 9-2 Spring Double, 5-1 Fouris Last 9-1 covers

GOING: GOOD

THUNDERER 5.45 Blue Cheek, 6.15 Zingiber, 6.45 Willsford, 7.15 Amancio, 7.45 Sounds Strong, 8.15 Romalito, Carl Evans: 5.45 Blue Cheek,	1 2400 MILETING OF IDICAL
Carl Evans; 5.45 Blue Cheek.	7 3403 MWEENISH 58 (D.G.S) P Webber 14-10-12 R Bellatti 2-1 Willstord 4-1 Donna Del Lago, 5-1 Stranghi Talik, Bishops Hijd, 6-1 oliyans
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5.45 WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices hunters chase: arriateurs: £1,060; 2m 41 110yd) (13 numers) 1 1143 HOWARYASIN 14 (V.B.S) Mr. C Hardinge 3-12-7 D 8 Jones (7) 2 19-5 BLUE CHERK 14 (CD.F.6.S) J Mahon 10-12-5 . N Bradley (7) 3 F232 A WINDY CITIZEN 8 (D.B.F.6.S) Mr. C Hots 7-12-3 R Hicks (7) 4 PLUS BACH-BENCHER 289 A Peachey 9-12-0	(E3,720: 2m) (6) 1 3192 AMANCO 21 (D,5) 6 Herwood 5-11-13
5 P184 BEAT THE RAP CTP IG) M People 15-12-0 B Morrison (7) 6 JULY CATHGAL SP IGH R Names 11-12-0 J Rees (7)	7.45 ALDERMINSTER NOVICES CHASE (£3,223: 2m 41 110yd) (7)

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(10yd) (13 runners)
1 1143 HOWARYASISH 14 (V.S.S) Nr. C Hardinge 8-12-7 D.S. Jones [7]
2 19-5 BLUE CHEEK 14 (CD.F.6.5) J Maton 10-12-5 . N Bradley (7)
3 F232 A WINDY CITIZEN 8 (D.BF.F.S.S) Mr. C Hicks (1-12-2 R Hicks (1)
4 PALS BACK-BENCHER 28P A Peachey 9-12-0 F Hutstry (7)
5 P184 BEAT THE RAP CIP (G) 18 Peoper 15-12-0 8 Morrison (7)
6 ACU CATHGAL 6P (G) R Names 11-12-0
7 -SSP COLONEL FAIRFAX 25P Ms K Matthews 3-12-0 . A Wintle (7)
8 PF-2 FINE TIMING 49 K McAutole 9-12-0 M Famel (5)
9 P2R3 HOEMOBBER 20P (S) J Doctor 9-12-0 J Doctor (7)
10 LULEP MANOR RANGER 13P J Poulson 10-12-0 A Bailting (7)
11 3-P2 PONT DE PAIX 10P (F.G.S) Mass J Property 10-12-0 R Lawther (7)
12 P2F5 RAYMAN 26P A Tredwell 8-12-0 J Trice-Rolph (5)
13 3410 SHANBALLYMORE 7 (5) J Tilley 7-12-0 W.J. N. Tilley (7)
5-2 A Windy Crizen, 3-1 Howaryasun, 5-1 Blue Cheek, 7-1 chars.
6.15 BARFORD SELLING HURDLE
A' I A RYNLAUN SETTING LAURE
(£1,695: 2m) (15)
1 -PPD BBM_ABOON 7 (B.F) # Wingrove 5-11-11 Mr A Winde (7)
- PAIN BREEVENING (D.L) ** AND MARKET S. II-1 **- AND UNIVER (I)

(£1,695; 2m) (15) 1 -ppp BBM_ABOON 7 (B.F) K Wingrove 5-11-11 Wr A Wingle (7)
2 D400 ZINGIBAR 7 (V.D.SI J Bradley 4-11-8 R Farrant
3 D-OC BOLTROSE 24 J D'Snes 5-11-5. A P McCoy 4 SPOO DONTFORGET BASISHT 14 C Breaks 5-11-5. G Bracks
6 55-3 MICK THE BISCUIT 8 (V) R Product 5-11-5 J Railton 7 RUSTIC LEAGUE 67F A J Wilson 5-11-5 D J Burchel
8 /22- SECRET FORMULA 523 I Greathead 6-11-5 . W Hamphreys 9 -P6P TEMELY EXAMPLE 17F (B) B Cambrings 5-11-5 . Gary Lyons 10 P5 AGAINST THE CLOCK 65 J Malfors 4-11-0 S Curtar
11 OF ONE FOR MAN 38 / Poulton 5-11-0
13 SWEET DISCRIBER 112: H Mariners 6-11-0 A Downing IV. 10 S/P WALSHAM WITCH 19 (B) C Smith 6-11-0 H Range 15 DD DIRLINGRK 17F Mrs J Cecil 4-10-9 T Ken
9-4 Bottrose, 3-1 Nick The Bocole, 5-1 General Shirley 8-1 Condorges Insight, 10-1 Secret Formula, 16-1 Against The Clock, 20-1 others

FOST DORLIN CASTLE 10 (BF.S) L Lungo 8-12-0	Live. Lone Street Blue: 12-1 others 5.00 Jail-Break Hunters Chase (Arnateurs: £1,725: 2m 3f) (7) 1 Graff Al Hashem 14 (F.G.S) N Reduct 12-12-7 . N Re 2 -341 Amani Robe 8 (F.G.S) J Weil 12-12-7 . C Ward Trac 3 5114 Familian French 6 (B.C.D.F.S) 5 Blumon 10-12-7 . L 4 -0.4 Hamper 69 (B.D.F.S) P Builet 13-12-4 . N R high 5 32F1 SEA SEARCH 7P (F) C Johnson 9-12-0 R Thori 6 P213 Turffelt (GEORGE & F.S.S) Mrs P Besinger 9-12-0
6.45 VETERANS CHASE (£4,276: 3m 2f) (7)	7 44P5 BROWN BABY 13P (8) S Gilmorn 10-11-5 . T B 5-4 Amen King, 7-2 Tulind George 9-2 Familian Friend, 8-1 Al Hashi Search, 12-1 Hamper, 16-1 Brown Beby
1 DDM STRAIGHT TALK 28 (BF.F.G.B) P McAdis B-12-0 A P McGoy 2 DBF6 WALLSTORD 14 (DD.F.G.S) Mrs J Pitron 13-12-0 W Marstan 3 -2PP EDMBOURG 84 (F.G.S) Mrs H Kinght 16-11-6 J F Trilly 4 P2UD BISHOPS HALL 21 (F.G.S) R Albe 10-11-2 R DURwoodly 5 34PP FAR SEMOR 7 (B.CD.F.6) P Wegmann 10-11-2 T Bey 6 1-61 DONNA DEL LAGO 23 (B.D.F) 6 McCourt 10-11-1 8 Ctafford 7 3403 MW/EDMSH 58 (D.G.S) P Weaber 14-10-12 R Betarmy 2-1 Willistord 4-1 Donna Del Lago, 5-1 Straight Talk, Bishops Hall, 6-1 bitums	5.30 RED CROSS MARES ONLY STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,070: 2m 1f) (17) 1 WYAYARD LADY 51 (G) Mrs M Rowany 5-11-12 2 COOL WRITE T FORM 5-11-5
7.15 HIGGS & HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,720: 2m) (6)	3 24 DYS LAST 44 M Pige 5-11-5 0 Burr 4 0 DUMBLETON BROOK 38 M Pige 5-11-5 B M 5 30-5 FLDXWING 36 T Holtand Martin 5-11-5 Mr C Ward 6 4 FLDDSY 19 (BF) J Edwards 5-11-5 RJ

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WASPERTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP
(£2,637: 2m 41 11Dyd) (15)
FINAL PRIDE 337 (F.O.S.) P Bowen 10-11-13 R Johnson MALBOOR VAFOOZ 8 (V) J Rosley 6-11-8 M Bosley
2 MAJROOR YAFOOZ 8 (V) J Bosley 6-11-8 M Bosley 5 STONECROP 295 J White 5-11-7 R Greece
O MERKESOTA FATS 119 Miss M Rowland 4-11-0 Gary Lyons
C ROMALITO 58 (8) M Stanstant 5-10-13 S Michell
CASSONS ROY R (D.S) R Februs 5-10-12 A P McCov
3 ANTARTICTERN 25 6 Didroyd 8-10-11 P Midgley (3)
8 WEITER ROSE 11 M Shetoard 5-10-7 5 PORKER
4 TELMAR SYSTEMS 174 (F.G) J White 7-10-4 M Payme (7)
O PEUTETRE 45 F Jordan 4-10-1 J Lodder
P SIT OF ROUGH 71 Mass H Knight 6-10-0 G F Ryan (5)
P THE SECRET SEVEN 26 J Cresswell 6-10-0 H Massey (2)
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9-4 Magheor Yalooz, 6-1 Winter Rese, 8-1 Stonecrop, Final Pride, 10-1 others.

DF: \$2.40, CSF: 26.97.

3.30 (3m 21 110yd ch) 1, DIAMOND FORT (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2. All For Luck (4-8 tay), 3, Golden Opal (25-1) ALSO RAN 7-5 (bine Gneuagh (4th) 8 tan, Dist, 1141 J McConnochie, Tota £3.10, £1.20, £1.50

DF: 22.40, CSF: bb.97.

4.05 (2m 1f hole) 1. MUHTASHIM (8 Ferdon, 16-1); 2, Daily Sport Girl (7-4 lav); 3, San Diego Charger (5-1) ALSO RAN, 5-2 Soothlest (4M), 6 ren. 2, 2nl. J Fluch-leyes. Tota: 230,00; £5.20, £1.40. DF: £14.40. CSF: £41.28, After an objection by the third to the second, result stood.

HEREFORD HEXHAM

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	THUNDERER 6.00 Heathview. 6.30 Quadrapol. 7.00 Donovans Reef. 7.30 Trevveethan. 8.00 Keniiworth. 8.30 True Boot.	THUNDERER 2.20 George Lane. 2.50 Merlins Dream. 3.25 Flyin Gunner. 3.55 Father Dowling. 4.30 Harlequin Wall 5.00 Ameri King. 5.30 Lady Rebecca.
İ	Carl Evans; 8.00 Kenilworth.	Carl Evans: 5.00 Amari King.

	
6.00 GILESGATE SUBARU TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2.837: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)	2,20 TOTE PLACEPOT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 11) (16 numbers)
1 PD11 SASKGA'S HERO 12 (CD.F.G.S) J Bottomley 9-11-13 D Byrne	1 FF10 RAINHAM 52 (B.G.S) D McCam 9-12-0 D McCam
2 5043 SUPER SANDY 9 (CO,S) F Walton 9-11-8 K Johnson	2 0025 MRJSTAHIL 24 (8,0,5) R Hodges 7-11-11. T Dascounte (3)
3 PO21 POTATO MAN 10 (G,S) 9 Elisan 10-11-8 G Cahil (3)	3 2303 COLWAY PRINCE 25 (F.G.S) A Jones B-11-8 G Upton
4 DANC POSITIVE ACTION 12 (CD.F.E.S) M Barres 10-11-5 P Waggott	4 303P BISHOPS GASTLE 68 (6) R Frest 8-11-4 J Frest
5 2621 PORT ON A STORM 16 (0,5) M Hammand 7-11-3 Mr C Bonner (3)	5 6/0- PHALAROPE 595 (G) K Morgan 8-11-2 A S Smith
6 OPP4 BLAZING DAWN 12 (F,G,S) J Hubback 9-10-6 B Storey	6 500 DUTOSKY 28 R D Subven 6-11-1 D O'Subvan
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Newmarket Going: good to farm

Going: good to firm

2.00 (51) 1. DAME LAURA (T Quinn, 9-4
tan; 2. Magical Times (Pel Eddery, 9-2),
3. March Star (W Carson, 5-1) ALSO
RAN 10-3 Hangover Square (4th), 8
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2.35 (77) 1. ANGEL CHAMES (J. Stack, 9-1). 2. Golden Pond (A. McGione, 15-2); 3. Warming Trends (N. Woods, 9-2). ALSO Warming Trends (N. Woods, 9-2). ALSO RAK 4-1 fav Sky Dome (6th). 5 Charlis Charg (4th). 8 Rebel County (5th). 9 Experience Taste, 11 Poists Spring, 14 Tusancy, 16 Counting Dancer. Paint It Tusancy, 16 Counting Dancer. Paint It Black, 11 ran. NR. Webbille Stid, 11%, rd. Rt. J. Banks, at Naumantet. Total 174, rd. St. 10, E2.40, E1.90, DF 183.80. The: £75.30 CSF. £72.29. Thosast 132.236. Imm 28.40sec. The: £75.30 (SF Land)
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3 05 (Im 21) 1, MICK'S LOVE (L. Dertod, 3-1); 2, Sahamian Kright (T Curm, 10-1); 3, Ramooz U Sack, 6-1) ALSO RAN 8-11 (av Ceus Cáche (6th), 50 Cacida (5th), 5 (an. Shd. 2, 29); 4. Saead bin Suroor at Duba. Tote 12:90; 51.50, 52.40 DF 10.5a. Tote 12:90; 51.50, 52.40 DF 10.5a. Tote 12:90; 51.50, 52.40 DF 10.5a. Tote 12:90; 11.5a. Sacrament U Red. 12:11 ALSO RAN 6 Moorshell, 10 Red. 12:11 ALSO RAN 6 Moorshell, 10 Midnight Lagard (4th), Valley Of Gold

(6th). 12 Naked Welcome, 20 Juyush, 33 Commoner (5th) 9 ran, Nk, 11, 91, nd, 6f P Cote at Whatcombe Tote: E2.10; E1.20, E1.90, E2.60 DF: E7.40, Trio: £47.40, CSF, E1.2.04, 2min 32.20sec.

C12.04, 2min 32.20sec.
4.15 (1m 20) 1, GOLDEN TOUCH (W. Carson, 9-2); 2, Spillo (L. Detton, 2-1 fev); 3, Askam (A. Mackay, 11-1), ALSO RAN 11-2 Sovenson Page (5th) 9 Stateck. Tissue of Lies, 11 Emant (6th), 20 Domitis, 33 Menabar (4th), 40 Bernard Seven, Contc Hill, 50 Buddy's Friend, 12 ran Vil. 25tl, bil. 31, Mil. N. Callaghen at Newmarket. Tota 25 80, 51 20, 51 70, 53 30, DF: 54 40 Tho: 549 50, CSF 513.14. Tricast, 295-93 2min 05 63sec. Tricast. 295.93 2min 05 63sec
4.50 (7i) 1. TA RIB (W Carson. 11-4), 2. Fatabully (L Denton. Evens 1av), 3. Seirenes (Pet Eddery, 12-1), ALSO RAN 10 Royal Jade (5th), 14 Scarpetta (am), 20 Mutehida, Pussage Creeping, 33 Ember, Hamalou Love Betera (6th), 50 Amazing Grace, Deser Skimmer, 68 Artenza, 100 Kowlow 14 ran, 5, 251, rk, 254, rk, E Dunlop at Newmarket, Toler 23.70, \$1.70, \$1.40, \$2.70 DF, \$2.80 Trice \$2.50, CSF \$2.75 Time 27.26sec 5.20 (im) 1, Miss PRAVDA (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Beau Brune (M Fenton, 1-3 lav) 2 ran. 201 P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote, 52 00

Jackpot: £7,770.70 (part won; pool of £9,850.20 carried toward to Newmarket today). Placepot £33,80. Quadpot: £4.40.

Hamilton Park Going: soit, heavy in places

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2.15 (51 4yd) 1, TAZIBARI (Darren Moltatt,
4.11; 2, Bollero J. Carroll, 7-2), 3, Life On
The Street (K Darley, 4-7 lavy ALSO RAN33 Hittoris Executive (61n), 50 Armergam
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2.45 (5) 4yd) 1, JUST BOB (J Fortune, 6-1), 2 My Cherrywell (T Wilfarrs, 8-1), 3. Rinus Manor IS D Wilfarrs, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Garnock Valley (601), 5-2 Canoras Heart (5th), 14 Swan At Whalley, 20 Dorracksky (4th). 7 an, 9, nk, 2tel 41, 81, S (Keitswell at Middlieham, Toter £8 20. £4,90, £4,40 DF £46 10. CSF: £45,68. \$4.90, \$4.40 DF \$46.10. CSF: \$45.08.
3.20 (1m 3f 16)rd) 1. CALDER KINIS (Mr V Lukarnuk, 4-1): 2, Svenging Stoties (Mr K Goble, 7-2), 3. Old School House (Mr K Santans, 3-1) ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Me Cherokee (481), 16 Hey Up Doly (581), 5 ran NR. Wetworth Lady. 1), '51, '91, 161 J Evre at Thinsk Totle \$4.90; \$2.50, \$1.80 DF \$5.60, CSF: \$16.25. DF: £5 60. CSF: £16.25.
3.55 [1m 11 35;01 1. CLETON FOX (S D Williams, 5-2), 2. Ten Past Six. (Dean Mckeown, 20-1), 3. Samethan (G Duffield, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Loveyournillions (4th), 5 Ethansto (5th), 12 Nigel's Lad (6th), 5-ran. 9-, 11, 1-1, 2., 3-1 J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £3.30. £1.50 £3.00 DF: £20.30 CSF. £33.90 4.30 (1m 65yo) 1 DANICO (A Paly, 14-1), 2. Alpine Joker (1 F Egan, 4-1 fav), 3 Flesh in The Pan (J Carroll, 5-1), FLSC

RAN: 9-2 Săent Guest 6 Dungeon Princess (4th), Salsian (6th), 7 Heiver Golf Eagle (5th), 10 Pedile Herthiere, 15 Ordained, 9 ran, 11, 2th, 1 #4, 2th, 5 is Williams at Newmarket Toles £10.40, £2.80, £2.20, £1.80, DF: £11.20 Trior 2109.60 CSF 965.67

5.00 (1m 65yd) 1 FOREST BOY U F Egan. 5-2; 2, Green Gern (K Darley, 12-11. 3, Tebriz Li Weaver, 7-1) ALSO RAN. 8-11 fav Pasternak (5th), 12 Sweemess Herself (4th), 5 ran. 41, 394, 141, 51, K McAufifle at Lambourn, Tote: £2.90, £1.30, £3.00, DF; £8.90 CSF: £23.14 Newton Abbot

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(4th) 11 can 141, 111 D Nicholson, Toter
(17.80; C1.10, E2.40, E1.30, DF. 25.60, Trio:
C1.100. CSF C7.10 211 00. CSF £7.10 5.10 (2m 1) fiet race) 1, SILVER THYNE (A Bales, 5-1); 2, Country Tarquin (20-1); 3, Dacelo (Evens lav), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Charlie Parrot (4th), 16 ran 2°4; 281 Mrs J Pirman, Tote: £4 80, £2 20, £3,20, £1,20 DF £169,40, Tno: £16 40 CSF £101 73 Placepot £12.70. Quadpot £2.00.

Clifton Fox, given a superb ride by Steve Williams, proved a wily customer as he held off Ten Past Six to win the feature race on the card at Hamilton yesterday - the Scottish Equitable/Jockeys Association Handicap.

2.55 (2m if hole: 1 MANCE A STAND (D. Shoghwar, 10-1), 2, Topanga (7-1), 3, Rolle (S-4 fav), ALSO RAN: 12 Cracking Present (40m), 14 ran, NR: Blazing Master (not), Videoral 25, 3 M. Proc. Cite. 312 35 ET-60 52:50 21:30 DF 52:60 The 52:610 CSF 577-68

Bosra Sham will take Guineas chance

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

HENRY CECIL was daring to be cautiously optimistic yesterday about the chances of Bosra Sham running in the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas tomorrow after the short priced favourite had suffered a recurrence of bruising to a foot.

"We are now slightly more hopeful," he said. "On Thursday she worked beautifully. she really has come on a lot. Early this morning she was actually lame. We dressed her foot again, reshod her and built it up, and by lunchtime she was sound, so it is just a question of keeping her sound. She has done her work."

The ten-times champion trainer added: "It was a recurrence of her previous injury. Becuase of the pressure of the shoe on the bruise the shoe shifted. That has been rebuilt by Nick Curtis, our farrier.

"If there is a chance of missing a race you say it is 50-50. It might be 60-40 that you will run, but you don't want to build up hopes too much. You don't want to build up her chances of running but I am hopeful of getting there.

"She won't run if she is not sound or unless I think she can give 100 per cent. I think she is a tremendous filly and hope she has the chance to prove it. I will decide whether she runs about ten minutes before they go down to the start. There is only one British classic for her. She is a miler and won't get 1's miles.

"If she gets down to the start and races there will be no excuses. We have been excited about her running and it has turned into a nightmare. We just pray that she gets there," While Coral eased Bosra

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405	(3)		HONEST GUEST 19 (G) (an Lochtesof) M Tomptons, 9-0	84
406	(13)		KEEPERS DAWN 16 (5) (Bob Lanigar) R Jobason Houghton 9-0 K Danley Alzar - Keepers Lock) (Light green, rad sasts, yellow steeres, rad cap)	87
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THE TIMES SATURDAY MAY 4 1996 An empire built on tradition bard Evans hears Said, owner of the Guineas favourite.

Richard Evans hears Wafic Said, owner of the 1,000 Guineas favourite.

praise British racing

Tafic Said, Syrian by birth but more British than a Union Jack by nature, was motoring in Washington and listening on a mobile telephone as the bidding began in earnest 3,750 miles away in Newmar-ket. "200,000, 300,000. 400,000, 450,000 guineas ..."

As he spoke to Tim Bulwer-Long, his astute racing manager, a hush descended over the Tattersalls sales ring while the object of the Mo-nopoly-style bids, a chestnut filly, waiked around without a care. "500,000 guineas," the auctioneer barked, without threatening to lift his gavel.

Eventually, it was the straw that broke his rivals' backs. The Houghton sales topper was knocked down for 530,000 guineas and Said began to dream. If - and renewed lameness yesterday posed an unwanted threat -Bosra Sham wins the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas tomorrow, the international businessman whose wealth runs into hundreds of millions of pounds will look back on that evening 18 months ago as one of his more inspired moments.

"It needed a tremendou amount of courage, belief and luck," Said reflected, emphasising the word "luck". "It is a very important thing. Let's face it, the little we know when we buy these yearlings is on paper. I don't invest on so little information on anything in the business world. You send in people to do due diligence, you look at projections, performances and then make a decision.

'Yet with yearlings you get a book with certain information, you go to the sales and they parade a filly in front of you for four or five minutes, a vet makes an examination and then you have to decide whether to gamble."

The usual yardsticks of balance sheets, returns on investment, bottom lines and cash flow, which have con-tributed to Said enjoying riches and influence beyond most people's dreams, are cast to one side in return for the chance of joy.



"It is the thrill. There is nothing — short of having your son winning at the Olympics — that is more enjoyable and puts so much adrenalin into your blood as seeing your colours win-

It is safe to assume that part of the thrill, should Bosra Sham win the fillies' classic, will be the satisfaction of having achieved success at the home of British Flat racing. The 55-year-old son of a Damascus eye surgeon may be the holder of Saudi citizenship and based mainly in Monaco, but you would be hard pressed to find a more ardent supporter of Britain's traditions, sportsmanship and sense of fair play.

With a Yorkshire-born wife and a son at Oxford, Said enjoys use of a country estate

pheasant shoots and cricket matches. He speaks in reverential tones about the Queen and Margaret Thatcher.

As he gave a rare interview at his London home, Said explained how his love of racing in Britain stemmed back to his early days in England. "We went many, many times to Newmarket and I was fascinated. There were people in my life, Lester Piggott for example - how many times he saved us from bankruptcy — and Scobie Breasley, he was a great iockey.

After owning some horses in partnership during the early 1980s, he began to build up his own string ten years ago with the help of Bulwer-Long. The Barry Hills-trained Distant Relative was his first big success. But it has

that his financial muscle and keen personal interest have been witnessed at Europe's premier sales. Thirty-five horses are now in training with Hills. Henry Cecil. Rog-er Charlton, David Loder and André Fabre. A stud is being planned for the Ox-

emulate the Aga Khan or the Maktoum family. "This is not a business; I am not building a corporation. This is something which is fun and to enjoy."

He believes the enjoyment would be even greater, for the racing public as much as himself, if the big bookmakers were not so short-sighted and facilities at racecourses were improved. "The bookmakers have to contribute.

amounts of money and it is in their interest to put more money back into racing." Said compares the return

from betting to racing in France with here and, similarly, lauds the facilities at French racecourses compared to those at British tracks. While he can have a box at Longchamp for £36,000 a year, renting a room for a day at Ascot is £15,000 and the food is "absolutely terrible".

"I was very embarrassed when I invited important eople, diplomats and others. and honestly the menu was absolutely appalling. We could not get any decent food." Those criticisms will find an echo with many racegoers, but as he prepares for the greatest day of his racing life, Said's mind will

die Carries

BINT SALSABIL Apr 16, Newmarkst, good to firm. (8-12) short-head 2nd to Thrilling Day (8-9) with Honest Guest (8-9) 2½ 3rd, My Melody Parkes (8-9) head 4th and Maid For The Hills (8-9) 1½ 5th (71, go III, £19,362, 1 ran). Oct 13, 1996, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-12) beat Parrot Jungle (8-9) ¥1 with My Branch (8-12) 2 3rd (7), gp iil,

£18,052, 11 ran) Aug 5, 1995, Newmerket, good to firm: (8-8) best Staffin (8-8) neck with Honest Guest (8-11) 241 4th (7), list, £12,580, 6

BINT SHADAYID Sep 24, 1995, Ascot, soft see Boara. Sham,

Aug 27, 1995, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-9) best Papering (8-9) head (71, go iii, £18,700, 6 ran). Jul 21, 1995, Ascot, good to firm: (8-11) beet Allessandra (8-11) (6f, mch, £6,710, 4 ran).

BOSRA SHAM Apr 19. Newbury, good to soft: (9-0) best Keepers Dawn (9-0) 6l with Miss Universal (9-0) 3% 4th (7f 64yd, gp III, 520,400, 9 ran).
Sep 24, 1995, Ascot, soft: (8-10) best Bint Shadayld (8-10) 3% with Matiya: (8-10) 3% 3nd (1m, gp I, 290,496, 6 ran)

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Sep 26, 1995, Newmarkst, good: see My Branch.
Aug 17, 1995, York, good to lirm: (8-11) beat My Melody Parkes (8-11) %I (6f, gp II, £40,521, 9 ran)
Jul 11, 1995, Newmarkst, good to lirm: (8-9) %I 2nd to Applead (8-9) (6f, gp III, £18,360, 8 ran).

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2.15 Watch Me. 2.50 Sea Freedom. 3.25 Farhana. 4.00 Kingsinger. 4.35 Shu Gaa. 5.10 Wilawander. 5.40 Pleading.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 FARHANA.

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3.25 GIBBS-MEW RATED HANDICAP

2.50 SMITH & WILLIAMSON HANDICAP

(£5,550: 1m 6f) (9)

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2.15 WOODFORD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: \$3,079: 6i) (12 runners)

DETAILED FORM GUIDE TO THE 13 CONTENDERS HONEST GUEST Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: ase Bint Salsabil.

Sep 26, 1995, Newmarket, good: (8-9) 31 3rd of 30 to Rio Duvide (9-0) with Miss Universal (8-9) 61 12th (71, suct, £13,012, 30 ran).

KEEPERS DAWN Sep 30, 1995, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-1) 181 16th to King Of Peru (9-3) (6f, nurs, £8,350, 16 ran).
Sep 11, 1995, Nottingham, good to soft. (8-9) best Wee Hope (9-0) 3t (6f, mcin, £4,208, 19 ran).

Aug 11, 1995, Newbury, good to firm: inc Boara Sham. MAID FOR THE HILLS

Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: see Bird Saksabil. Bint Salsabil.
Jul 1, 1995, Newmerket, good to firm.
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(6f, list, £9,594, 7 ran)
Jun 10, 1995, Newmarket, good: (8-11)
beat Darling Flame (8-11) ¾1 (6f, mdn,
£4,503, 8 ran).

MATIYA Sep 24, 1995, Ascot, soft: see Boera

Sham.
Sep 2, 1995, Haydock, good: (8-7) 31/sl 2nd to Beauchamp King (8-10) (1m, cond. £6,663, 5 rar).
Aug 22, 1995, Pontefract, good to firm: (8-10) 31 3rd to Defined Feature (8-10) (6f. cond. £6,584, 4 ran). MISS UNIVERSAL

Apr 19, Newbury, good to soft ase Bours Sham. Apr 6, Kempton, good: (8-8) ½i 3rd to Sea Spray (8-8) (1m, list, £12,388, 13 Sep 26 1995, Newmarket, good: see Honest Guest.

Sep 26, 1995. Newmarket, good: (8-11) 2½! 2nd to Blue Duster (8-11) with Dance Sequence (8-11) (6f, gp I, £84,680, 5 ran).

Sham from 9-4 on to 13-8 on,

William Hill issued two sets of

prices — one including the 5-2

on favourite and another ex-

cluding Walic Said's filly - and left it to punters to decide.

The setback to Bosra Sham

was the start of a miserable

day for Cecil as Clever Cliche,

supplemented recently at a

cost of £8,000 for the Derby.

ran most disappointingly in

the Sunley Newmarket

Stakes. The listed race was

won by Mick's Love, the first

Godolphin runner of the season, who looks sure to be

suited by middle distances

and some give in the ground. The French Derby is a pos-

Richard Quinn got away

with a cheeky riding perfor-

mance when winning the

Pertemps Jockey Club Stakes on the Paul Cole-trained

Riyadian, but not without giving favourite backers some

nervous moments. When Sac-

rament took up the lead at the thee furlong pole, Quinn cruised alongside on Riyadian

and sat as still as a mouse,

waiting to make his winning

However, when Burooi struck the front by the far rail Quinn had to get to work quickly and at the line had

only a neck to spare. "We

would have all got the sack if he had got beaten," Cole said.

Moonshell, the winner of

last year's Oaks, was retired after finishing tailed off. Si-mon Crisford, Godolphin's

racing manager, said: "Moon-

shell has been retired. She

doesn't owe anybody anything. She's an Oaks winner

and you don't like to see her

PICHARDEWAS:

Nan: SAHEEEL

(2.15 Salisbury)

Next best: Magnificent Style

3.05 Newmarket)

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(8-13) best Desert Tiger (8-10) 3l (6l 110yd, hcap, £19,737, 17 ran). MY MELODY PARKES

Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: see Bint Salesbil. Sep 15, 1995, Ayr, good: see My Branch.

Sep 10, 1995, Curragh, good: (8-11) 1¼1 3rd to Priory Belle (8-11) (7f, gp l, £58,100, 13 ren). Aug 17, 1995, York, good to firm: sae Dence Sequence. Papering

Aug 27, 1995, Goodwood, good to firm: see Bint Shadayid. Jul 27, 1995, Goodwood, firm: (8-11) best Ailesbury Hill (8-11) 3 /si (71, mdn, £7,035, 6 ran).

PORTUGUESE LIL Nov 2, 1995, Musselburgh, acit: (8-9) 15% (6th to Santiliana (9-0) (1m, mdn, £2.343, 8 ran).

Oct 20, 1995, Doncaster, good to firm: (8-11) 177 9th to Overruled (8-11) (1m, mdn, £4,700, 11 ran). Sep 14. 1995, Ayr, good: (8-9) 694i 5th to Jo Mell (9-0) (71, mdn, 24,807, 14 ran).

Jul 13, 1995, Newmarket, good to firm: (3-9) 81/4 5th of 7 to Danchill Dancar (9-0) (6f, mdn, £4,981, 7 ran).

Selection: BOSRA SHAM

4.00 SALISBURY CONDITIONS STAKES

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21 CASTLE HOUSE 13 (D.S.) J Aleksurs 8-11 R Cochrane 2
POWORR RIVER R HARON 8-3 Dane O'Hell (3) 6
22 RED GARTER 9 K McArtis 8-6 TOwn 3

9-4 Powder Rhen, 11-4 Kingsinger, 3-1 Herecomesthelesight, 9-2 Classe House, 8-1 Med Garm.

9-4 Frezuliara, 4-1 Shu Gaa, 9-2 Villiaggiatura, 5-1 Clemente, 6-1 Jackson Hill, 10-1 Mador, 12-1 Punitak, 14-1 Fursun

5-2 Pleading, 5-1 Contra Corrina, 6-1 Petit Pont, Rant, 7-1 Arch Everry, 16-1 Steap Pearl, 12-1 Dearder, 14-1 others.

5.10 WINCANTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,501: 1m 4l) (10)

5.40 woodford maden stakes (Dv H: £3,079: 81) (12)

each-way potential

NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4**

2.00: Projection, second in the European Free Handicap, is marginally preferred to Elsa-leet, who is not certain to appreciate the step up to seven furlongs, and Obsessive, who is making her seasonal debut.

2.30: Polar Prince ran particularly well on his reappearance and should improve, while Al Shafa and Hal's Pal look fairly handicapped. In a wide open race, Flying North could be some value after staying on well from the rear at Pontefract 18 days ago.

3.05: Magnificient Style re-corded a very good time performance when winning by six lengths on her debut at Kempton and she will be strongly backed to beat the more experienced Ruznama.



TOMORROWS RACING ON TELEVISION

3.45: If Bosra Sham recovers from her latest bout of larneness and lines up for the fillies' classic, she will be sent off one of the shortest priced favourites for years - and the form book says she ought to win cosily. But few backers will be interested in supporting 2-1 on shots and there is one runner who could cause a big upset at massive odds.

Matiya — at around 50-1 is well worth an each-way bet after delighting Ben Hanbury with her recent work at home. Hanbury, who sent out Midway Lady to win this race in 1986, will have been encouraged by the bold performance of Ramooz behind Mick's Love yesterday as his filly has been working the better of the two at home. Bint Salsabil has obvious each-way claims.

Matiya has NEWMARKET

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2.30 Al Shate 3.05 Pricket

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Tameem. 3.05 MAGNIFICIENT STYLE (nap). 5.25 Phantom Ouest.

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2.00 LORDS TAVERNERS CONDITIONS QUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-0: £5,720: 71) (7 runners) BETTIME: 11-4 Hidden Coom, 7-2 Elevisol. 4-1 Brandon Mage:, 5-7 Chansave:, 6-1 Projection, 8-7 Misster Book 25-1 Lucky Archer

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2.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP

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	303	(6)	1010-01	AL SHAFA 17 (D.F.G) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunion 9-5 W Carson	9
	204	阊	31120-	ROYAL MARK 222 (C.F.G) (Lord Swaythlere) J Watts 9-5 Pat Eddery	8
	205	(EF)	42-2	HAL'S PAL 23 (Watic Sald) D Loder 9-3 L Dettort	8
	206	(1)	40216-6	TSARMSTA 16 (G) (I Steucht-Brown) J Dunlop 9-2 J Carroli	8
	207	Œ	0-31	GREEN BOPPER 27 (D.G) (T Harris) M Ben 9-1 M Fenton	8
	208	(4)	140111-	TRACEASILITY 254 (CD.F.G) (J Long) S Williams 8-11 G Carter	8
	309	(14)		FLYING NORTH 18 (F) (D) & Meredith) Mrs M Reveloy 8-11 K Darley	
	210	(3)	1340-	SHE'S MY LOVE 218 (F) (Shalin Abroad Yousel Al Sabah) J Banks 8-7 J Quinn	9
- 1	211	(3) (2)	50160-	UNICLE GEORGE 218 (F) (J Folier) M Tomplains 8-3 A Hills	ß
1	212	(10)	34000-1	WELLISA 15 (F) (Shellin Amira Daldawi) J Bothell 8-1 T Williams	9
	213	(7)	3213-55	JERRY CUTRONA 12 (BF,F) (M HRI) N Catagron 8-0 J F Egen	8
1	214	(15)	1000-24	SPIRITO LIBRO 20 (F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 7-10 Martin Dwyer (7)	8
	215	(11)	00000-0	HADADABBLE 41 (Fun Metagers Parinership) Pat Milchell 7-10 M Carlisle	
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BETTINGS, 7-2 Haf's Pal, 4-1 Al Shake, 5-1 Green Bopper 6-1 Flying Modile, 8-1 Tambert, Polar Prince, 10-1 Wilksa, Jeny Cultura, 12-1 others. 1996: NO CONNESPONDING IMCE

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3.05 R. L. DAVISON PRETTY POLLY STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-0 filles: £12,524: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

301 (1) 2311 - SCAPLET PLIAME 203 (S) (Aytestiated Farms Start) J Denlop 9-1 ... K Darloy 95
302 (2) 0131- RUZMAIMA 218 (C.F.G) (Nameton Al Maldoure) B Hots 8-13 ... W Carson 89
303 (4) 5150- CLASSIC R.YER 222 (F) (Classic Bloodstack Pic) S Williams 8-8 ... A Mackey 78
304 (7) 2100- FARAWAY WATERS 222 (F) (R Cuschiery) D Arbetters 8-8 ... J Reid 93
305 (5) 1 McGMRCGET 2774, E 27 (G. (Buckers Call Holdings) H Cectl 8-8 Pat Editory 98
306 (6) 1- PMcClET 254 (F) (Bodolphin) Sacrat bin Server 8-8 ... L Desird 93
307 (3) 0 PROMISSIONY 27 (B Vank) C British 8-8 9 Doyle 73 BETTRIC: 6-4 Magnificent Style, 5-2 Pricket, 5-1 Scirite Plume, 6-1 Rezearc, 12-1 Farmery Waters, 20-1 Classic Flyer, 33-1 Promissory 1995: MUSETTA 8-11 B Doyle (14-1) C Brittain 8 ram

FORM FOCUS

SCAPLET PLIME completed double, heat Beauty
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Obcessive 2751 in 5-nurser lighed race here (77,
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FARMANY WATERS 6751 7th of 30 to Reo Duvida
in auction races here (77, good) with CLASSIC

Selection: RUZMANA

3.45 PERTEMPS 1,900 GUINEAS STAKES (Group); 3-Y-0 fillies: £100,525: 1m) (13 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE LEFT

4.20 BRETBY HANDICAP (£7,608: 61) (11 runners)

Long hundisage: Cyrano's Lad 8-8
BETTING: 7-2 Cheyenne Spirk, 5-1 Experienc. 6-1 Venture Capitalist. Double Blue, 6-1 Docusta, Base Edga, 10-1
Mady Sharp, Sharmanic, 12-1 others. 1995: NAKETER PLANNER 6-8-11 K Carley (8-1) C Cyzar 16 san

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4.50 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP

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(603	(9)	1/0420-1	TAIPAN 29 (D,G,S) (Lord Sweythling) J Dunlop 4-9-6	1
	604	(4)		LOMBARDIC 29 (D.F.G) (Bonucprint) Mrs J Cecit 5-9-5 L Detint	1
	606	(2)		MEZAAN 224 (D.F) (Mane Al Mattourn) M Stoute 4-9-5	1
	606	(1)		SURNING 27 (C,F) (Visida Dasmer) G Harwood 4-9-3 . A Clark	1
	607	(1)	101213-	CELERIC 219 (D.F.G) (Caristopher Spence) D Morley 4-9-1 . W Carson	
	608	(13)	62000-0	BOB'S PLOY 18 (F) (Mrs M Barrell) M Tompkins 4-9-12 P Robinson	i
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Final festivities fail · to disguise rugby's backstage turmoil

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE silver jubilee of England's knockout rugby union competition should be an occa-Bath, and Leicester take the stage at Twickenham in the final of the Pilkington Cup today against a backdrop of disharmony among clubs and administrators which makes last year's dismissal of Will Carling as England captain on cap linal day look wholly unremarkable

At the moment there is no knowing whether these two clubs will take part in the equivalent occasion next year, en the threat from the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd to withdraw from Rugby Football Union competitions next season. Still, crystal-ball gazing can at least be limited to this afternoon.

A world-record crowd for a dub match of 75,000 will pack Twickenham, producing gate receipts of almost £1 million. Of that, only a modest four per cent will go to England's two best club sides, who stand level this season at one win spiece. Bath won the league match 149 at Leicester, who returned the compliment 15-14

nearly four months later. But the rivalry can be traced back much farther. Five times

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they have met in the cup and Bath have lost only once, a record which includes the finals of 1989 and 1994. The first of those was racked with tension and was won only at the last gasp while, two years ago, a drab game was made worse by the settling of scores between individuals who

should have known better. Bath have not lost one of their nine finals and, buoyed up by depriving Leicester of the league title a week ago, they must be favoured to complete the double for the fourth time today, even without the injured Jeremy Guscott. At their best this season, they have played an all-embracing style which per-haps only Harlequins and Northampton, of English

clubs, have even approached. Leicester, lacking the same codes meetings with Wigan, the first of which is next talent in crucial areas, have not played the showman and nor should they be expected to today. Fifteen years ago, they were the darlings of the country, with almost a complete set of international backs, and set the tone for the showpiece that tour to the Ivory Coast at the the cup final has become. Now, they have a quality pack no World Cup, no England but backs whose effect has

been reduced by the absence for most of the season of Stuart TWEENEAMTEAMS

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15 S Hackney

12 B Robinson

B Underwood

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N Back

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool)

8 D Richards*

The chief danger to our hopes is that we may concede too many penalties," Phil de Glanville, the Bath captain, said. "My nightmare is John ramming the ball through the posts for three points or kicking the ball miles downfield for Martin Johnson and Matt Poole to win lineouts. That would mean us not playing the game on our

Potter. They have dithered at stand-off half over Niall Ma-

lone or the workmanlike Jez.

Harris, and only within the

past month has Malone re-

Leicester's recovery rate. They

ended April with five matches

in 15 days, concluding with the

loss of the league title in

depressing circumstances.

This week, the depression has lifted. "They are old enough,

wise enough and mature enough to pull themselves together," Dean Richards,

their captain, said. Moreover,

Jon Sleightholme, the Bath

wing, makes the valid point

that no team is more danger-

ous than the one coming back

any further playing distrac-

tions. Bath have their cross-

Wednesday, while sundry

Leicester players have been

invited to appear for the

Barbarians against Ireland on

May 18 and to make a charity

end of the month. But there is

tour to divert attention.

Nor, this month, are there

off the ropes,

The other unknown factor is

ceived the vote.

That is a luxury in a cup final which, while demanding positive qualities, seldom implies end-to-end rugby. Today. the critics will include every winning captain since Mike Nicholls, of Gloucester, in 1972, who will take part in a ceremony before the parade of the game's present virtues. Let us hope they amount to more

Centre stage beckons for wings

David Hands on a

confrontation that

could scorch the Twickenham earth

Then the awards are handed out this season, high on many judges' lists will be the name of Jon Sleightholme who, with a single bound, made the leap from occasional play-cr at Bath to England wing. For others, however, the national call-up remains tantalisingly out of reach: others such as Steve Hackney, who will come face to face with Sleightholme when Leicester challenge Bath for the Pilkington Cup at Twickenham today.

Eight years ago, Hackney made such an impression during his first year at Loughborough University that he was considered for the England tour to Australia but his exams took priority. He has never been as close to an international cap since, despite 15 appearances for Eng-

The name of Underwood has darkened his horizons and it is no coincidence that he has, this season, enjoyed his most successful spell since joining the club five years ago. The injury to Tony Underwood, and his subse-quent transfer to Newcastle, have given Hackney his first unchallenged tilt on the right wing and he has revelled in his fortune.

Many of his 18 tries bear the halimark of the pace that has propelled him 100 metres in 10.6 seconds. One came on his most recent visit to Twickenham, for the Sanyo Cup match last month when he veered off the blind-side wing at high speed to lunge for the corner past a stunned World XV defence. "I knew Leicester Dwyer, coach to the World team, said with reference to Rory Underwood, "but 1 didn't know they had so much gas on the other."

Hackney and Sleightholme were colleagues on the England A team tour to Australia last summer, the Bath player using the tour as a stepping



Hackney, left, will be hoping to emerge from the shadow of Sleightholme when they go up against each other in the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham today

stone to higher bonours. Yet Hackney's determination re-mains. "I'm a firm believer that, for those who train hard enough, the goals you set for yourself will arrive," he said. His task is even harder now that Sleightholme has been so successful for England and the younger Underwood is on

his way back.
Like Hackney, Sleightholme is from the North East (from Maiton in North Yorkshire; Hackney is from Stockton-on-Tees) and, like the Leicester player, has had to overcome the label of being "just a sprinter". His more powerful physique and de-pendable hands have, however. carried him towards minor cult status at Bath.

support. "It started when Phil de Glanville asked me to go to one corner and get our sup-porters going before the Cup match with Gloucester." he

corners but I have kept on doing it. It's a way of expressing what I'm feeling inside; I'm not a player who keeps everything to himself."

Sleightholme's preferred position is the right wing. where he plays for England, but against Leicester he will be on the left, giving Audley Lumsden the notionally easi-

Every time I play now I find myself acquiring more confidence," he said. "I came home from last summer's The great thing about professionalism is that we will have far more time in which to improve our skills." Not that Sleightholme, at

23, intends to concede his teaching career just yet. He works at Culverhay School in Bath and hopes to sustain a part-time job there, though, like so many players, he has not yet arrived at a final decision. Hackney, a sales and marketing manager for P and G Bland, Leicester's insurance brokers, believes his time is organised as professionally as possible.

The past and the future, however, will be ignored at Twickenham: the present brings together duellists from England's outstanding clubs - both with points to prove.

IN BRIEF

Freund's slow play incurs new penalty

LANA FREUND, of Belgium, became the first European professional to be penalised a shot under the new pace-ofplay guidelines, sanctioned by the Royal and Ancient and the United States Golf Association, during the second round of the women's Welsh Open at St Pierre yesterday (Patricia Davies writes).

A round of 76 became a 77 and her total of 152, six over par, left her four shots adrift of the leaders, a sextet comprising Julie Forbes, Lynnette Brooky, Stephanie Dallonge ville, Caroline Hall, Lisa Hackney and Lora Fair-

Freund, whose playing group was a hole behind those n front, was deemed to have taken 93.9 seconds to play her third shot at the 15th hole well over the 80-second limit and Allan Hibbert, the rules official with the watch, promptly penalised her with-

Old foes meet

Squash: England, shorn of the services of Peter Marshall, Del Harris and Simon Parke. will face Scotland in the final of the men's European team championship in Amsterdam today after recording a convincing 4-0 victory over Finand in the semi-finals yes-

The Scots had a more taxing ride to the final, drawing 2-2 with Germany but proceeding by virtue of winning more games. One of their winners was Stuart Cowie, whose mother, Alex, manages the England womens' team that has reached its own final.

Newton leads

Cycling: Chris Newton, who had served notice of his form when finishing second in the Tour of Langawi in March, underlined his progress when he took the lead in the first half-stage of the five-day Thwaites Grand Prix, which started near Preston yes-

Jenkins carries inspirational force into day of reckoning two clubs have not played consistently played the best 104 tries in the League. Ponty- where the next attack will Paul John and Neil Jenkins.

THE wiseacres of Welsh rugby always maintain that no Welsh Cup final is worthy of its name if Llanelli or Cardiff are not present and, preferably, playing one another. Swansea and Newport extend the very small list of clubs. they say, that will attract a large enough crowd to decorate what is usually the culmi-

nating match of the season. Put another way, the best of the west against, for want of a better rhyme, the beast from the east as the towering Ray Gravell, the former Wales centre, might say. He hails from the west, naturally.

Other clubs have the misfortune, however good their season has been, to be numbered among the poor country cousins. Today, this kind of prejudice should be cast aside. In a new coupling. Neath play Pontypridd in the Swalec Cup and a capacity crowd is expected at Cardiff Arms Park. The

each other at this stage, which can only be to the good. To have the same familiar faces, however attractive, turn up year after year induces complacency.

Neath have reached the final on six other occasions. winning three of them. They succeeded in the inaugural final in 1972 and in 1989 and 1990 during the most commanding period in the club's Pontypridd have history. Pontypridd have reached the final in 1979 and 1995, failing on both occasions.

It may appear to the uninformed that this afternoon's game is not a beguiling one, lacking the swank and swish of the smart set. For those who know better - to which the size of the crowd is testimony - the prospects for the match are the most tantalising for years. The crowds have been drawn to the teams for the best of reasons

Neath and Pontypridd have

kind of rugby all season. That they are both challenging also for the Heineken League title is further proof of their progress. Neath have scored

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more surprising of the two. somewhat unorthodox at times. No one can be certain

PONTYPRIDD

CARDIFF TEAMS

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L Davies	13 J Lewis
J Funnes	12 S Lewis
G Evans	11 G Lawis
P Williams	10 N Jenkins
P Horgan	9 Paul John
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B Williams	2 Phil John
J Davies	3 N Eynon
Robin Jones	6 M Lloyd
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Gareth Llewellyn*	5 M Rowley

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stem. They have a number of intricate manoeuvres in midfield, utilising the slick passing of Williams at stand-off and the two centres, Davies and Funnell, Richard Jones makes timely incursions from full back. Higgs on the wing has benefited with 20 tries. But, then, the Liewellyn brothers will have their chances, as will Boobyer and Jones in the back row. The most eyecatching can be the rampaging runs and good hands of John Davies at prop. All in all. it is a comprehensive team

effort of speed and invention. Pontypridd are not far behind. But they are more cautious, preferring to build a firm platform from which their momentum gradually springs. They are led by Nigel Bezani, who, at 39, is playing his last match, and their pack can wear down the opposition in a way Neath cannot. Behind them they have Wales's best club half-back pair in

The latter, in particular, has had an immensely successful season. Not only has he scored 396 points in total, (SS in four cup games, including five tries), but he is unquestionably the team's inspirational force. Horgan, for Neath, is nowhere near as accurate a kicker. Jenkins, however, will not want a repetition of the final last season against Swansea when his four missed kicks most probably cost his team the game.

critics are warming to and admitting his undenlable talent. After the close-quarters, Jenkins's wristy, long passes can open gaps far out on the flanks. From these, Manley has scored some of his 16 tries on the wing.

These are teams capable of wonderful rugby. The fear is that they might freeze. Both teams need confidence to inspire them to play the attack-ing game of which they are

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Graham prepares for next bombardment

By Christopher Irvine

NATHAN GRAHAM, the Bradford player who suffered most under Bobbie Goulding's triumphant aerial bombardment for St Helens in the rugby league Challenge Cup final a week ago, can expect more of the same in the Stones Super League match with Warrington at Odsal iomorrow.

Rather than hiding away, Graham has confronted his nightmare in interviews all week. His greatest support has come from Brian Smith, the Bradford coach, whose act of faith extended to naming him at full back again and praising Graham's outstanding contribution with ball in hand ar Wembley.

Underneath the high ball. however, Graham and Bradford surrendered a 16-point lead. "Nathan made one horrendous error by letting the ball bounce, but the two other tries from kicks can be put down to not only Nathan, but any number of players. He happens to be someone with a lot of guts and resilience,"

Warrington, inevitably, have placed an emphasis in training on the high kick tactic. John Dorahy, the coach, said: "We would be mad if we didn't. There's no room for

Smith said.

sentiment. Nathan should have caught the first one, but he didn't have any support for the others."

St Helens should maintain their unbeaten record and two-point lead in the Super League. They are at home to an Oldham side depleted by the wedding of David Bradbury, the suspensions of Scott Ranson and Jason Temu, plus injuries to Rob Myler, Afi Leuila and Martin Crompton. the captain.

London Broncos have replaced three players transfer-listed for disciplinary reasons. but are awaiting work permits for Ray Allen, Mark McGuire and Graham Strutton, all Australians. The side is unchanged against Leeds, who are also awaiting work permits for Dean Clark, from New Zealand, and Sataki Tuipolotu, the Tongan rugby union centre. Neil Harmon, the captain, makes a welcome

return to the side. Wigan should have Jason Robinson and Martin Offiah together on the wings for the visit of Paris Saint-Germain, who are struggling with a

large injury list. ☐ Phil Veivers, 31, has left St Helens after 12 years to join Huddersfield, of the first division, in a £12,500 move.

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Saturday portrait: Eric Cantona, by Michael Henderson

French artist honour bound in restoring tarnished reputation

There once there hung a Ardiles and Klinsmann, not — cloud a halo shines. Eric going back a bit — Bert Cantona, footballer of the year and a saint-in-waiting in the secular parish of sport, leads Manchester United tomorrow to Middlesbrough, where a draw will most likely bring their third championship in four years. Without him it is conceivable they would not have won one.

"Où sont les neiges d'antan?" There is no gilded past for this Frenchman, only a golden present. This time last year he was "resting", for reasons amplified earlier this week in a Croydon courtroom. As United conceded the FA Carling Premiership title to Blackburn Rovers by a point and lost a dismal FA Cup Final to Everton, the general view was that his absence had cost them a hat-trick of championships and a second successive "double".

For a while, nobody could be sure the Frenchman would stay at Old Trafford given his incendiary temperament and the severity of his triple punishment (club, FA and court) for the Selhurst Park incident. But he stayed, and played, and his brilliance has turned the season inside out. One man, we are told, cannot win or lose a championship. Says who? Take away Cantona's contribution this year and Newcastle United would already be champions. He scored the only goal in matches against Newcastle. Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur that had to be won and did more than anybody to beat Chelsea in a memorable FA Cup semi-final. His goals were dramatic, too, scored with the flourish of a man who never doubts his value.

Even by Cantona's combustible standards it has been an eventful year. Last season he was the Flying Dutchman, destined to roam the seas for ever. No port would have him. Suddenly he is Parsifal, the innocent fool, "enlightened through compassion". It took Richard Wagner 40 years to make that leap: Cantona has transformed himself within 15

No foreign player has left such a deep impression on English football; not those World Cup winners.

going back a bit — Bert Trautmann. People wanted to think the worst of him and, to be honest, he presented a pretty big target. Instead, he has achieved what he could never do in France. fulfilled his talent, and, fingers crossed, reformed a character that appeared untameable. Those journalists who opposed his nomina-tion as footballer of the year, partly because he chooses not to speak to the press, made themselves look small-minded. Whenever did a footballer say anything worth

You have to go back to Kenny Dalglish to find a player so adept at making and taking matchwinning goals. Dalglish, it should be said, had an expert goalscorer alongside him at Liverpool in Ian Rush, with Souness, Whelan,

'He stayed, and played, and his brilliance has turned the

season inside out'

Hansen and Lawrenson, outstanding players, lending strong sup-port. The present United side has a good goalkeeper in Schmeichel, an occasionally dazzling outfield play-er in Giggs and some keen youngsters. Deprived of their No 7 they would not be nearly so

In particular, Cantona, 29, has had to carry the man Alex Ferguson bought last year to fill the net with goals. Andy Cole cuts a waiflike figure, publicly abandoned by Cantona, apparently unable to pick up the frequency of United's attacking play. If Cole cannot score regularly in the Premiership, how will he torment European

Where Cantona is concerned, the manager's judgment has been vindicated and his trust returned in full measure. He gambled in buying him from Leeds United, with whom he had won a champ-

when he decided to retain him. He was accused at the time of appeasing a lawless oaf and the subsequent departure of Hughes, Ince and Kanchelskis left Ferguson vulnerable to the darts of fly-by-night supporters. Last August the Manchester Evening News asked readers to judge his fitness for the job; it took a brave man to stand his ground and he has been rewarded richly by the man he defended when the sky was falling.

In a way it is a tribute to British tolerance that such a strong Frenchman has played his best football here. When President Chirac presented Gérard Depardieu with the Legion d'honneur in Paris on Thursday he referred to the actor's "heart, intelligence, strength, sensibility and fantasy". They are qualities Cantona shares with Depardieu, for they both possess that rare compound of physical strength and delicacy. Depardieu tends his own vines, Cantona paints and is learning the trumpet. Both would be handy in and around the scrum.

Now the question is can Cantona, at the height of his career, reclaim his place in the France team? He was stripped of the captaincy after the Selhurst Park nonsense and has not added to his 44 caps. All he can do is wait for Aime Jacquet, who is expected to announce his squad two days after the FA Cup Final, to offer a wild card.

It would be stretching a point to say that they have missed him, for this is boom time for French football. Unbeaten in 21 games, with Youri Djorkaeff, of Paris Saint-Germain, in harmony with Zinedine Zidane, of Bordeaux, and with a hatful of Italian-based players supplying depth, they will start the European championship this summer among the favourites. Jacquet, in any case, is not bowled over by Cantona's English achievements, reckoning that anybody can impress against such loose defences.

It is not difficult to find fault with much of English football. So much of it is unutterably foul: the complacent players, mendacious managers, those pier-end comedi-



ans who host a fantasy football lark on the box, metropolitan trendies who have turned the game into a "lifestyle accessory", unspeakable supporters and uncritical broadcasters who boost what is, after all, only a game.

At its best, though, it is a game that can touch people with a strange purity. Standing on the terraces at Maine Road 60 years ago, Neville Cardus heard a man bellow "finesse!" when Peter Doherty essayed a pass. The man, Cardus noted, would never have used that word in the normal run of things. It was not part of his vocabulary. For that moment he had been touched, liberated almost, by a footballer's skill.

Anybody who has caught Cantona this season might have felt the same way. The qualities of sportsmen are frequently exaggerated but Cantona has accomplished something worth cele-brating. All right, he loves himself and is a frightful pseud. Anybody

who numbers Jim Morrison and Mickey Rourke among his heroes is clearly a few centimes short of a franc, and he lays on the thoughtful artist a bit much.

But he can certainly play and has restored the game to those who despaired of seeing an old-fashioned footballer again, someone who knows that less means more. He has been lauded excessively by some United supporters (Monet is painting his pictures again"), maligned unfairly by detractors

and, through it all, has kept his mances do service for the man.

He could have sunk like a ebble. Instead, through immense skill, force of character and no little dignity, he has reclaimed his reputation. He has been chivalrous, modest and served the team, He has adorned the game and brought joy to thousands. It is quite a story.

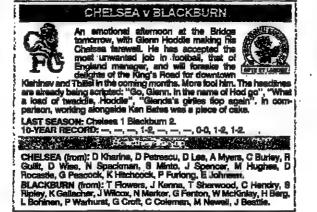
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THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP TOMORROW

A strange season for Bruce Ricch, in which
Arsonel have rarely sparkled, but they are
still only a win away from qualifying for the
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their durability, especially as they have had
to do without the rock-solid Tony Adams for
so long. For Bolton, solicu, it has been nice knowing you but, trankly,
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defender, has one last chance to Impress Ricch, his former manager,
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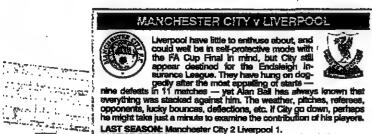




evertori, was Horse and Hindholline back from asspension, could yet some into Europe. A record of only three defeats in 18 Premiserable outlines suggests they deserve the chance. Of greater significance is the appearance of Southgets, the Villa centre back, who returns to the first after recovering from knee figament damage. He needs a good nur-out to enhance his chances of making Venables's Euro 85 squad and, such is his defensive or midfield versatisty, he can book his place now, as long as the knee holds up. EVERTON (from): N Southall, M Hottiger, D Watson, C Short, A Hinch-cliffe, R Unsworth, A Kanchelskis, A Grant, B Horne, J Parkinson, A Limpar, G Stuart, D Amokachi, P Rideout, M Branch, J Kearton.

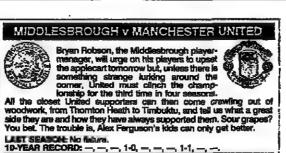
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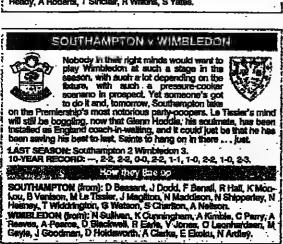
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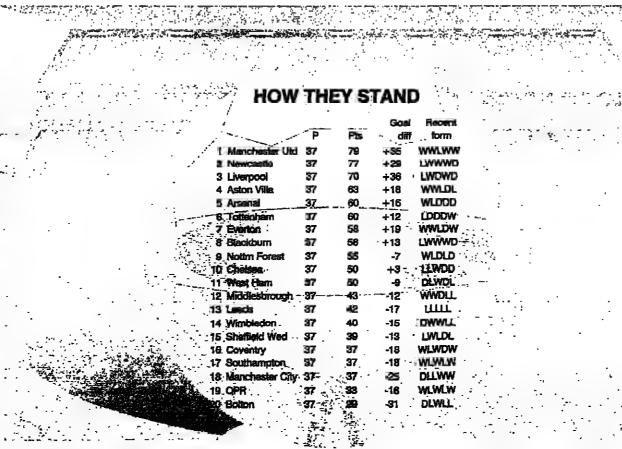


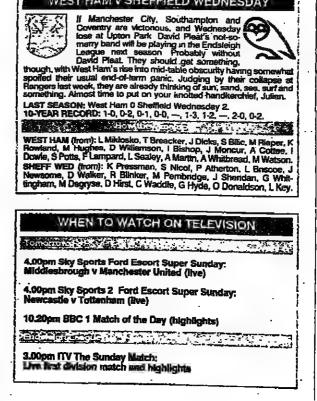
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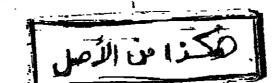




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Ball pins hopes for survival on help from rivals

BY PETER BALL

SOUTHAMPTON and Coventry City go into their final games of the season tomorrow knowing that if they win, they will retain their places in the FA Carling Premiership. There is no such comfort for Manchester City. "One point could be enough," Alan Ball, the City manager, reflected yesterday, "or we could win and still be relegated."

City's inferior goal difference means that they have to take a point more than Southampton or Coventry, the other clubs on 37 points, when they take on Liverpool, the FA Cup finalists, at Maine Road. If all three clubs win, City will be relegated — unless, that is, Sheffield Wednesday, two points better off, fail to get a draw at West Ham United. Yet Ball remains optimistic. The three of us have not won

three games back to back all season," he said yesterday, "so for all three to do it on the last day of the season would be a miracle. Of course Wednesday could go, but the odds are

Coventry have what appears to be the easiest task with a game against Leeds United. whose defeat by Tottenham Hotspur on Thursday was their sixth in succession, the club's worst run for 49 years. Southampton, who meet Wimbledon at The Dell, will have Barry. Venison back from a one-match suspension to help their cause, while Wednesday's hope of a forcing a draw at Upton Park will be enhanced by Jon Newsome's return from suspension.

Sunderland and Derby County are already promoted from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, but there is still a battle for the play-offs, with only Crystal Palace sure of a place so far. Ipswich Town. Stoke City and Charlton Athletic hold the places at the moment, but Leicester City could take advantage of any slip-ups if they win at Watford. However, Watford's revival under Graam Taylor offers them the chance of a late escape if

Millwall and Portsmouth slip. In the second division, Oxford United will claim the second automatic promotion spot behind Swindon Town, the champions, it they be Peterborough United today: Blackpool and Notts County could profit if they fail, but will otherwise compete for play-off places with Chesterfield, Stockport County, Wrexham

and Bradford City. In the third division, Darlington can claim the third automatic promotion place by winning at Scunthorpe Uni-ted. At the other end of the table, Torquay United already know their fate - a reprieve. It was confirmed vesterday that the Vauxhall Conference will not support any attempt by Stevenage Borough, their champions, to overturn their rejection by the Football League because their ground does not meet the required

Dave Beasant is a settled man once more, Russell Kempson reports

Key to happy keeping is staying out of the kitchen

ne of football's strang-est stories involves a cupboard, a salad cream bottle and a former international goalkeeper. The injury sustained took three months to recover from, and the victim is still thriving in the FA Carling Premiership. yet the myth lives on. Apparently, the bottle had been carelessly dropped on his foot, a mishap not entirely unadjacent to his displays on the pitch.

Good yarn though it is, Dave Beasant would like to set the record straight. "I know how it's told but it just didn't happen like that," he said, the incident still as vivid as when it occurred three years ago. "I accidentally knocked the bottle out of the cupboard and my natural instinct was to break its fall. That's all it was."

Beasant, 37, recalls it with a chuckle, despite those who still insist on the butterfingers version. Yet the consequences were serious, physically and professionally, and were to reshape his career. The cut, on my right big toe, was so deep that it went right through to the bone," he said. "When I looked down at the toe, it was just hanging off." Plastic sur-gery, a four-inch pin and six weeks in plaster was only the STATE.

It gave him little chance to impress Glenn Hoddle, the newly-installed Chelsea manager, and he subsequently moved on to Southampton for £300,000. He is now the regular first-choice goalkeeper and, tomorrow, he will play a key role against Wimbledon. another of his former clubs. amid the last rites of the Premiership season.

The prospect of relegation. though unpleasant, does not faze Beasant. While not claim-

the T-shirt, he has experienced most of what football has to offer. The highs and lows, the sweet and sour.

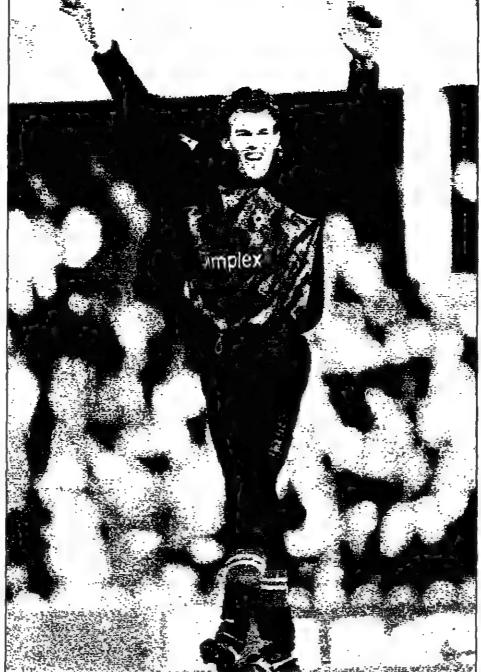
Wimbledon will always hold special memories. He joined the south London club from Edgware Town in 1979 and spent nine seasons with the Crazy Gang, often leading it. "For some of the games up north, we had to meet at 9.30am at King's Cross to catch the train," he said, "It was often touch and go whether we would get the team together in time.

It was a bit like that then in the lower divisions. You weren't anybody, and you could get away with it, but that would never happen nowadays." Nor would throwing the manager's shoes out of the window at Watford - his getoff stop - and restraining him under a table until the train reached London. Even Dave Bassett's sense of humour was sorely tested.

Beasant retains his mischievous streak but prefers to take a back seat. "I get the others to do it," he said. "I might instigate things but I let the others take the rap. It was fun at Wimbledon, perhaps occa-sionally over the top, but we all grew up together and stuck together whatever. It helped on the field; there was such a strong bond between us."

He left the gang after the 1988 FA Cup Final, in which Liverpool were beaten 1-0 and he saved a penalty from John Aldridge. Harsh economics decreed that his stay with Newcastle United should end only six months into a longterm contract, and he endured a five-year roller-coaster ride at Stamford Bridge.

The ups were exhilarating. Two England caps, against Italy and Yugoslavia, a second



The threat of relegation notwithstanding, Beasant is enjoying life down at The Dell

division championship success, and victory in the Zenith Data Systems Cup final at Wembley. Yet the downs were excruciating. After conceding a soft goal in a 3-2 home defeat against Norwich City, he was publicly vilified by Ian

Porterfield, the then manager. "Every keeper makes mistakes and it was a bad one." Beasant said. "Yet the first I knew of lan's comments was when I watched the nine o'clock news on TV. He gave he did it was wrong. I didn't play for him again. Loan spells at Grimsby Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers followed; then a

lew matches back at the Bridge for Dave Webb, who replaced Porterfield; then the salad cream slip-up. A spell at The Dell provided a convenient solution. "It was an easy decision," he said.

Beasant lives in Buckinghamshire, with his wife, Sandra, his sons, Nicky, ten, and Sophie, four. He teaches one day a week at the Chelsea school of excellence, which Nicky attends. "He's a forward," Beasant said. "The one

He is enjoying his football too - he makes his 577th League appearance tomorrow - and has received more than the isolated plaudit this season. "It's nice to hear," he said. "You always do the best you can. Some players ease off when they get older but I'm working harder than ever."

Another clean sheet would

Port Vale's 42-year lower-

divisions record of only 21

goals conceded in a season, so

something is at stake after all.

Chairman comes on as late

substitute and scores own

goal that denies his club a

long-standing record. That

would be real Eddie the Eagle

Perhaps Scally should settle

for copying Michael Knighton, who, as chairman-in-

waiting of Manchester United in 1989, gave a passable display of keepy-uppy on the

pitch at Old Trafford before a

game. Or, as supporters who have seen him play would

stooge material.

Odds stacked against Scally playing the wag

love a decent win and another mean Gillingham breaking

> Vaughn Jefferis, the New Zealand world champion presently lying fifth, also intends to "go like smoke" on Bounce, the horse on which he was third in 1994 before going on to win his world title. "I could do with the money," he said, referring to the £24,000 first prize on offer this week.

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Stark back in style to stake **Badminton** claim

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN STARK made a spectacular return to international competition with Lady Hartington's Stanwick Ghost when he moved into second place, 0.2 points behind David O'Connor, the overnight leader on Thursday, at the end of the dressage phase of the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials yesterday. Mark Todd, of New Zea-

land, the Olympic champion, seeking a third win, is a close third after his best test yet on Bertie Blunt, the horse which he rode around the cross country last year with only one stirrup.
O'Connor, has given him-

self his best chance yet of winning Badminton by moving into fourth place with his second horse, Lightfoot. Only ten points separate the leading 18 riders as the competition moves into the speed and endurance section

Stark produced a delightful test on Stanwick Ghost which earned a ten - the only one of the competition - for his final canter down the centre lane. Stark is hoping his luck holds for

Two years ago, Stanwick Ghost, then eight, fell at The Quarry. He redeemed him-self at Punchestown a month later where he was eighth, but in August of that year he struck into both his front tendons after tripping out of the water at Auchinleck. He did not compete again until March this year.

Todd is also due a change of luck. He was eliminated at Burghley two years ago on Bertie Blunt for missing out a flag. At Badminton last year, the horse failed the final inspection and was later found to have an abscess on his foot.

The British selectors had some much-needed cheer when the two Olympic longlisted riders, Mary King, on Star Appeal, and Karen Dixon, on Too Smart, produced good tests and are in eighth and twelfth places.

Too Smart, who is now Dixon's main hope for Atlanher top horse Get Smart, was given a total of five hours' work on Thursday. "He's fit and ready and I'll be taking the quick routes." she said.

Hendry on song with another final in his sights

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY approached his fifth consecutive appearance in the final of the Embassy world snooker championship as he built a 10-4 overnight lead over Nigel Bond at The Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, In increasing a 4-3 first-session advantage. Hendry provided evidence that, with impeccable timing, he could be running into his best form after, by his standards, low-key displays in the previous three rounds.

Hendry, who defeated Bond 18-9 to capture the title 12 months ago, compiled breaks of 52, 76, 71, 77 and 121 — his ninth century of the event so far, his 49th of the season, his 61st in world championship play and the 347th of his liyear professional career, However, the most telling contribution was the 64 clearance with which he stole the tenth frame on the black. Leading 62-0, and on a run of 61, Bond had missed an ele-mentary black off its spot. It was a soul-destroying lapse from which he could not

Thus, Hendry arrives this morning requiring six of the remaining 17 frames to record **ENGLIS**

his 24th consecutive win at The Crucible. By winning six of the eight frames scheduled to begin at 10.30, he will complete victory with a ses-

Eradicating virtually all unforced errors, and proceeding at the kind of methodical pace which, in itself, broke his opponent's rhythm, Peter Ebdon built a 9-5 lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan, entering their penultimate session last night. Ebdon has a poor record against O'Sullivan, having prevailed in only two of their nine meetings. Yet, from the body language of both during the morning exchanges, it would clearly be incorrect to assume that incorrect to assume that Ebdon needs to scale a mental

Exhibiting great authority. Ebdon allowed O'Sullivan to pot only one red in moving from 6-5 to 9-5. The former Skoda Grand Prix and Irish Masters champion constructed breaks of 93, 57, 58 and 107.

Embassy, which has sponsored the championship since 1976, yesterday announced its continued involvement with the game's most lucrative event until at least the year 2000. The newly-signed fouryear deal with the game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, is worth £5.4 million and, despite speculation to the contrary, The Crucible, the championship's home since 1977, will remain

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cured promotion with a draw at Fulham while Preston North End's win away to Hartlepool United ensured that the Kent club could not win the championship. So there would be nothing riding

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club he rescued from receivership celebrates promotion. When Paul Scally, chairman of Gillingham and Eddie the Eagle look-alike, registered as a player for the Endsleigh Insurance League third division team, a comic cut as bizarre as Eddie Edwards ski jumping at the Olympics began to take shape.

scores winning goal as

Scally would play in the last game, he said, if there was nothing depending on it. Last Saturday. Gillingham seDavid Powell on the chairman seeking to pull a winning stroke on the football pitch

on Gillingham's last match, at home to Scarborough today. Indeed, if Scally played, he would stand to win a £20,000 het that he would appear in a League match for at least ten minutes. The money would pay for the players' end-ofseason holiday in Barbados.

On Wednesday, Scally said that he was available for selection, provided that the players had no objection. Never mind that he is 40, wears glasses and has not played seriously for 15 years. If playing for Heston United. a Sunday league team from southeast London, can be described as serious. He had

SB) Ross Courtly v Clueen's Park

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UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Santher Bridge v Wirton, Barrow v Mattock, Byth v Boston, Buston v Chorley, Doyleden v Emiley Gusseley v Gamsbortough; Leek v Hyde: Marine v Beshop Auchland; Winsford v Spacingroos First division: Ashton Utd V Lincoln Und Bradford Part Avenue v Whitley Bay Coogleton v Wolvington, Curzon Ashton v Hovinsop; Harrogate v Warnington, Larcasser v Farsley Cebs. Natherfield v Altreton; Radchiffe v Geset Harwood
LEAGUE OF WALES: Abenystinyth v Ton Done. Beneav v Lincols Erron Form.

"I helped the players drink 60 bottles of champagne on Saturday night," he revealed. "I am going to leave people

trained hard, though, he said.

guessing until Saturday." Scally added. In the local evening paper yesterday, he was giving as little away as the Gillingham defence, the meanest in the four divisions. The manager picks the team and, if I am on the teamsheet, then I will play." Scally was quoted as saying.

Will Scally get a game, Tony Pulis, the manager, was asked. "Not a chance, not in a million years." was his unequivocal response, "I would

suggest, just concentrate on opening the champagne.

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SATURDAY MAY 4 1996

Leaders head for happy ending

Newcastle hope champion story has sting in tail

By Rob Hughes, pootball correspondent

LIKE a good Agatha Christie plot, the championship will be page in the North East tomorrow. It has come down to this: Newcastle United must beat Tottenham Hotspur, a team desperate to win to qualify for Europe, at home; and Manchester United must lose at nearby Middlesbrough, a

team playing only for pride.

Anything else will hand the FA Carling Premiership trophy to the Manchester club. Some believe that it is all over bar the shouting. I am not so certain, but I do concede that for Newcastle to win it now would need the fulfilment of Jack Chariton's prophecy that if Kevin Keegan fell in the Tyne, he would come up with a salmon in his mouth".

There is, alas, a sour taste in many mouths instead of the absolute relish one should feel at this great suspense between the two clubs most committed to flair and panache. The whole plot is sullied by the

When Keegan delivered his emotional outburst on Sky Television last Monday, every amateur psychoanalyst conjectured on his state of mind. He is losing it, they concluded: Alex Ferguson's psychological games have got

For those who saw the broadcast, the jabbing finger, let me tell you where I stand: I would love it ... love it, if Newcastle overturned the 10-1 bookmakers' odds against them winning their first championship for 69 years.

I have nothing against Ferguson's achievement of this season. He pitched youth into shorn of Kanchelskis, Ince them to within two games of the League and FA Cup "double". His reserve team and A team have won their leagues. his stadium has grown to a 55,000 all-seat capacity ... such magnificent style.

But what stuck in Keegan's throat was the way Ferguson used to try to tweak an advantage in the final furlong. Saying that Leeds United players were "cheating their manager" and implying they would let Newcastle rather than Manchester win the League, incensed more than Keegan. Was it paranoia or was it, as last season when Ferguson maintained a constant insinuation that Blackburn Rovers' nerve would crack, cynical manipulation of the media to try by unsporting

means to affect the contest? Keegan, whatever else motivates him, swears by the intrinsic honesty of English football. He probably had every intention of speaking his mind last Monday, but was caught with his defences down by taking the microphone 30 seconds after the heart-stopping end to Newcastle's encounter at Leeds.

THE LAST LAP

UPS AND DOWNS

should have ducked the interview, taken a cold shower, made Sky wait 15 minutes. But impulse drove him to his triumph of willpower over lack of innate skill as a player, impulse brought him back into football after seven years on the golf course and breeding racehorses.

Impulse was the making of him and, if we are not careful, will be the breaking of him. He did not speak this week of the unfairness of his team being scheduled, for the benefit of television, to three games in seven days compared with Manchester's two in eight. He did not speak with the thrill season, or with the charisma

that has charmed so many. Of course, while Ferguson's "babes" have been guided immaculately through a transitional season and have

their quality and stamina, point out that Keegan has "bought" near equality by spending £36 million. As ever, it is almost true; but Steve Watson, Robbie Elliott, Lee Clark and Steve Howey, not to mention the repatriated Geordie, Peter Beardsley, have made contributions that show that native talent has played its full part in Newcastle's regeneration.

Keegan must have seethed when critics questioned his £7 million acquisition of the be witching but untrustworthy Colombian, Faustino Asprilla, But, if anyone claims to have had foresight about the troubles, as well as the hypnotic skills, he might bring, which of us suspected how right Keegan would prove on the purchase of David Batty?

A little scrapper, we opined a destructive individual. After tion as Newcastle's attacking midfield fulcrum. He tightened up the vulnerable area in front of the back four, he displayed a contagious spirit in a team suffering nerve fatigue; without him New-castle would not now be holding on to Manchester United's shirt-tails.

But still they need that last twist to the plot. Only ten times since the war has the championship run to the last hour. Manchester United need only to draw to be crowned, and would be accomplished champions, a reasonable bet for their second "double" in three years.

But, when their manager suggested that all teams may not try their best, he should have known that two can play the devious mind game. How would he feel if he achieves everything and fingers point to the fact that his final game is against a team managed by Bryan Robson, a Manchester United player for more than a decade, or that the FA Cup Final referee, Dermot Gallagher, was a Manchester

United supporter? Unworthy suggestions, both. We should dismiss them out of hand, we should not sink to the poisonous sideshow that sours the prospect tomorrow will bring.

> Cantona portrait, page 42 Settled Beasant, page 43



Karen Dixon, on Too Smart, gave the Great Britain Olympic selectors some cheer with an impressive test during the second day of dressage at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials yesterday. Report, page 43

Briatore baffled by another bad day for Benetton

IN IMOLA

FLAVIO BRIATORE can dress mutton as lamb with the best of them. The Benetton managing director's skies are always blue, the propects always good. He is a natural at dismissing rumours with a one-liner and in greeting reverses as though they were astonishing pieces of good fortune. So when he says things can't get any worse, they must be bad.

At Ferrari, Michael Schumacher is busy saying things are bad. The only explanation is, that after so much success, he must have forgotten what "bad" is. "Bad", even in z yesterday's relatively unrepresentative practice sessions, is finishing thirteenth and fourteenth respectively as Benetton's Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger did. "Bad" is defi0.6sec clear of one's nearest chal-lengers, which was Schumacher's achievement.

That sent the legions of Ferrari fans who camp on the hillsides above the Rivazza curve and pack the stands around the Tosa corner away in a frenzy of happiness. Benetton are officially Italian as well now, but their performance did not create quite the same reaction. The representatives of the Berger fan club, who had hung banners of praise on the fences opposite the pits, took them down sheepishly.

Their results have been so parious this year it is easy to forget that Benetton are the reigning world champions, that Schumacher won two drivers' titles with them in the two years before he flew the coop. At the European Grand Prix at Nürburgring last weekend, things reached a new low: Berger finished ninth, Alesi crashed on the second

pared to Williams's 55.

"If we fail in the next three races, Briatore said, amid the usual banter yesterday, "then we can forget about this season and start building the car for 1997. But anything that

lap. As they prepare for tomorrow's
San Marino Grand Prix here,
Benetton have only 13 points com
happens on Sunday can only be good. Anything that happens has to be better than the last race. It will be crucial points of the race like pit very difficult to be any worse than

Briatore called Berger and Alesi into a crisis meeting here on Thursday which lasted for more than three hours. He pleaded with

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stons and the entries and exits to and from them rather than just

trying to be fastest. There are bound to be problems when you have two new drivers who have been somewhere else for five years," Briatore said. "When you leave your wife and go with your girlfriend, it is a shock for the first few weeks. It takes a little time.

"There was no shouting. We are not talking with children. We are talking with people who have been in this business for a long time. It is not like I am telling them they cannot have another piece of chocolate. But I still think it is possible they will be the strongest challengers to Hill this season. I believe they are both quicker than Schumacher.

Things will improve."

had set his quickest time with hardly any fuel on board and that he suspected the Williams-Renaults of Jacques Villeneuve and Damon Hill, which finished third and sixth respectively, had been running on full tanks.

Hill certainly seemed confident there was plenty of room for improvement in this afternoon's sole qualifying session. Despite the blip in his otherwise flawless season at Nürburgring, where he finished fourth, he is likely to start as favourite for tomorrow's race.

To the disappointment of those who thought his nerve might have been affected by his brush with adversity, he seems relaxed and happy. One journalist, who criticised his performance in Germany. asked him if he was looking for revenge tomorrow. "Only over you,"

new route back to his roots

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TIONAL MICROY

RICHMOND rugby union club, having extended its plundering grasp to Wales and Bath, reached even further afield yesterday; to rugby league. Scott Quinnell, who moved to Wigan from Llanelli fered a £200,000, three-year deal by the Courage League second division club and could form a formidable back-row partnership with Ben Clark the England pack leader for most of this season.

Wigan are not as resigned to losing Ouinnell, who has two years of a £250,000 contract left to run at Central Park, as Clarke. Nonetheless, an inflated wage bill and a limit on rugby league salaries next season could influence the decision of the Wigan board.

The pity for Wigan is that Quinnell's potential is just emerging, concurrent with his establishing a first-team place have to accept our players will be targets for union," Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said. Like Bath, Wigan are under

financial pressures that threaten the fabric of the side. Two more of Bath's England internationals, Mike Catt and Victor Ubogu, have also been linked to Richmond, who have aiready secured the services of Adrian Davies and Andy Moore, both from Cardiff.

Should Quinnell, 23, move, he would complete the Super League season before joining Richmond in mid-September. His quick return to union would be a further boon for Welsh rugby union. Davi Young, the former international prop forward, said this week he is to rejoin Cardiff next season from Salford.

Final reckoning, page 41

Lewis has Tyson in sight

LENNOX LEWIS could challenge Mike Tyson for the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champlonship in July (Srikumar Sen writes). After a double reversal in the courts in the United States, on Wednesday and Thursday, Don King, Tyson's promoter, was ready for talks with Lewis. King wants to stage the bout in Las Vegas in July and it only remains for him to pay Lewis the money he wants for the match to be made.

On Wednesday, three appeal court judges denied Tyson, King and the WBC the right to appeal against an earlier court ruling that Tyson should defend his title against nobody else but Lewis next. On Thursday, Bruce Seldon, another King heavyweight, failed in the Superior Court in New Jersey to secure a bout with Tyson before Lewis. After each case, King spoke to Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, to arrange a contest between with Tyson on Thursday offering \$10 million, which was rejected.

Tyson must meet Lewis by September. It is now a question of whether King puts on the bout, or Panix, Eliades's promotion company. If King wants the promotion, he will have to pay about \$20 million purse offers and risk losing it to HBO. bitter rivals of Showtime, the television com-pany behind King and Tyson.



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Hezbollah used UN base to avoid wrath of Israel

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A UNITED NATIONS inquiry has found that Hezbollah guerrillas were sheltering in the UN base at Qana in southem Lebanon when Israel shelled the compound, killing about 100 refugees. The confidential report, pre-

pared by Major-General Frank van Kappen, says two or three guerrillas sought sanctuary in the base after firing a salvo of rockets on April 18. The finding, which will embarrass the organis-ation, says the guerrillas were in the habit" of taking shelter at the base, which was packed last month with refugees fleeing from Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath offensive. On the day of the massacre,

ne guerrillas fired two Katyusha rockets and eight mortars from a position 300 yards from the UN base, headquarters of a Fijian peacekeeping battalion. The Israeli Defence Forces responded by shelling the base. The inquiry was also told that Israel had an unmanned surveillance aircraft

over the area at the time. The presence of Hezbollah guerrillas inside the base does not absolve Israel from blame for targeting a UN compound crowded with civilians, but it does raise doubts about the role of the peacekeeping force.

The UN has given Israel until Monday to respond to the charge that it deliberately targeted the base. The Israelis are expected to admit that the local commander was culpable, and that there was an error in the chain of command which allowed the shelling to go ahead.

The UN argues that peacekeepers have no mandate to

Recognition offer denied

A SENIOR Hezbollah member denied yesterday be had offered to recognise Israel if Israeli troops withdrew from southern Lebanon (Our Foreign Staff writes). Sheikh Kudar Nourdin said recognition of Israel is against Hezbollah's fundamental

Earlier, in an interview with The Times, the sheikh said Hezbollah "did not want to displace the Jews" and was "ready to make peace" if Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon. But this did not amount to a willingness to recognise

Hezbollah. Since the Qana attack, officials have pointed out that three peacekeepers have been shot this year when they tried to stop the pro-Iranian terrorist faction from attacking Israel. They say it is not unreasonable to allow unarmed men into a base where their families may be sheltering.

The United States is trying to prevent publication of the report because of fears that it will disrupt the fragile ceasefire, negotiated by Washington, in southern Lebanon and undermine the credibility of the UN force there. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the

verbal report to the Security Council next week as a sop to Arab nations clamouring for condemnation of Israel. Jerusalem: Israel has angered Palestinian leaders by declaring it is "in no hurry to fix a date" for a partial withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank town of Hebron (Ross Dunn writes). It said any redeployment would not begin before the elections on May 29. A total withdrawal was to have been completed more than a month ago.



American plane flew from Britain 'to spy on France'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

in Britain spied on sensitive French military installations in March, a French news report claimed yesterday.

The aircraft took off from an air base in England and then flew over and photographed military areas, including a plant where French nuclear warheads are assembled, a tank-testing area and an air base, the daily Libération newspaper reported yester-day, citing "reliable French military sources".

The US Air Force plane was reportedly picked up by French radar and tracked while circling over the sensitive sites. It was flying at an altitude of 65,000ft, beyond the range of interceptors, the Libération report says.

Both French and US officials played down the alleged incident, pointing out the US could have obtained the same photographic information from satellites. However, a French defence expert said yesterday that, while the US could monitor the military sites with satellites, the quality of photographs from a U2 would be superior. "You still cannot get better than U2 surveillance," the expert, who declined to be identified, said.

The US Embassy in Paris issued an emphatic denial of the report, saying: "Our aircraft do not use their surveillance equipment, not even for testing, over French territory. French installations are never under surveillance.

The US Air Force said the plane's pilot was burning fuel to ensure a softer landing, but the incident may strain military co-operation at a time when France is moving closer to resuming a military role in Nato.

Earlier this year, for the first time since France left Nato in 1966, Paris allowed America to station planes permanently on French soil. Three U2s are now based at Istres on the Mediterranean, flying mis-sions over Bosnia. "The Americans must not think they can

AN American U2 plane based do anything because we have accommodated them," one military official said.

Libération speculated that the U2 foray might be connected with France's increased defence co-operation with its European allies and, in particular, growing military links

On March 16 a convoy left the Valduc nuclear plant for the Dijon-Longvic air base, two of the sites allegedly photographed. Libération reported that two RAF Hercules transport planes departed from the Dijon base soon afterwards and might have contained materials for building nuclear warheads for Trident submarines. Charles Millon, the French

Defence Minister, said yesterday that he did not intend to make an issue "with one of our allies over an article in the press in which there is not an element of proof". Relations between America

and France on matters of espionage have been tense since January last year when France expelled five CIA officers on suspicion of spying.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that an American U2 made a flight through French airspace on March 16 but insisted it was

M Millon denied any RAF Hercules flight had taken off from Dijon that day.



Millon: report has "not an element of proof

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE is preparing an aggressive new offensive against President Clinton in an attempt to revive his falter-

ing presidential campaign.
The Republican nominee has just recruited one of the toughest political advertisement makers in the business. In New York last night he was delivering what an adviser called "as close to a red-meat speech as Dole has given so far". In an interview with The Wall Street Journal yesterday, the 72-year-old senator described his determination to portray Mr Clinton as an ncurable baby-boomer

The President "talks a great game, and right now 55 per cent of the people view him as a moderate. We need to change that," Mr Dole said.

"I believe we can demonstrate he has more trust in the government and I have more trust in the people." Asked what his campaign bumper sticker would be he quipped: "Bob Dole — Adult". Mr Dole has already begun

to attack the President for appointing liberal judges, raising taxes, supporting extreme abortion techniques and neglecting America's defences. Next week the senator will summon several heavyweight economists to Washington to help him to develop a progrowth economic agenda concentrating on tax cuts.

☐ Immigration change: A Bill cracking down on illegal immigration was passed over-whelmingly by the Senate on Thursday night. The House of Representatives earlier passed similar legislation and Mr Clinton is expected to approve the Senate version.

tougher line | 94 years' jail with Clinton for subway firebomber

New York: An unemployed computer analyst who planned to terrorise the underground system here has been sentenced to a maximum 94 years in jail for maiming Christmas rush-hour passengers in a series of subway bombs (Tom Rhodes writes). Edward Leary, 51, planted firebombs on two trains in 1994 to extort money. Three people were seriously hurt and 47 suffered burns.

Landmine blow

Geneva: Delegates from 55 UN countries ignored calls for a landmine ban - now not possible before 2001 - but did outlaw undetectable anti-personnel mines and tighten restrictions on others. (Reuter)

Hostage visit

Jakarta: A Red Cross official and a doctor will fly to Irian Jaya province in Indonesia tomorrow to meet II hostages - four of whom are British held since early January by separatist rebels. (Reuter)

Killer executed

San Quentin: A man who once said, "I love to kill", was executed by lethal injection for shooting dead three people over a stolen cheque. Keith Williams, 48, was put to death at the prison here. (AP)

Law chief hunted

Bogotá: Colombia's Supreme Court has ordered the arrest of Orlando Vasquez Velasquez. the Attorney General, whose whereabouts are unknown, on corruption charges linked to the drug cartels. (Reuter)

Post dispute delivers blow to Olympic plans

Washington: Ten weeks before the opening of the Atlanta Games, a dispute of Olympian proportions has erupted between the organisers and the American Postal Service (Martin Fletcher writes).

The US Olympic Committee is threatening to sue the Postal Service to stop it selling unauthorised Olympic T-shirts. The Postal Service is refusing to deliver post to the 10,000 athletes in the

Olympic village. The dispute arose after a congressional edict stopping the Postal Service sponsoring the Games as it did in Barcelona.

The Atlanta-based United Parcel Service (UPS), stepped in, paying \$30 million (£20 million) for the honour. The committee said the Postal Service could open offices in the village, but only to sell stamps. The Postal Service called the committee "almost



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House of Orange concerned about spread of unseemly Windsor behaviour

'Clown prince' is no joke

THERE are those who chart the decline of the House of Windsor to the embarrassing It's A Knockout spectacle in which sundry princes and princesses sprinted for charity.

The House of Orange might, then, have cause for concern: balanced on the head of Crown Prince Willem Alexander this week was a beautiful blonde acrobat

this week was a beautiful blonde acrobat in some kind of medieval garb. Worse, the Dutch prince—known to friends and commoners as Alex—looked as if he were enjoying himself.

There is a deep fear in the royal families of Europe about the possible spread of the Windsor syndrome. Girlfriends, potential wives, boyfriends and suitors have never been scrutinised so closely. In The Netherlands, one adored queen, Juliana, handed over to her daughter, Queen Beatrix, who is now 58, and so far all seems to have gone swimmingly. As was evident from this week's Queen's Day celebrations — marking Juliana's 87th birthday and the sixteenth anniversary of Beatrix's coronation—the Queen is as popular a figure as her mother. However, the chubby, clubby crown prince does not seem to possess the same magic. And the closer one examines the family, the more one discovers personal oddities more appro-



priate to the Windsors: a princess who talks to trees, a queen who relied heavily on the advice of a fortune-teller. a clinically depressed consort, and a crown prince who is said to hunt with durndum

Prince Willem Alexander has come close to rupturing the respectful relationship between the Dutch press and the monarchy with his extravagantly staged hunting expeditions. On the Apeldoorn estate he and his grandfather, Prince Bernhard, made gamekeepers drive deer alongside the royal Ranger Rovers so that more elderly guests could make their kills without getting their feet wet. On another occasion, Prince Willem Alexander was hunting wild boar and there were scuffles between his body-guards and animal rights protesters. The claim about the durndum bullets arose from that incident.

The Crown Prince is 29 and since his 18th birthday has been KIO — Koning in Onleiding or trainee kine. Over the past

Il years he has not demonstrated a shining ambition for the throne, however. He has a passion for flying, racing cars, deep sea diving and ice-skating. Nine out of ten Dutch citizens regard Queen Beatrix as the ideal monarch; their views on the Prince can only be guessed at.

His girlfriends are now presented to his parents. The latest is a blonde, bright law student who is a commoner and a Roman Catholic. The prince claims that the question of religion is unimportant, although since the 16th century rulers of the House of Orange-Nassau have always been Reform Calvinists. This disregard for tradition may be a healthy sign—or it might shell trouble.

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Perhaps the oddest member of the family is Princess Irene, Queen Beatrix's younger sister, who has just published a bestselling book about communing with nature. She talks to animals, trees and rocks and, more remarkably, they talk back. She reveals that she first talked to a tree in the grounds of the Dutch church in London when she was 14. The tree invited her to play underneath its branches. She has never looked back, although she has renounced her right of succession. Sad: Princess Irene would certainly have given the Windsors a run



Prince Willem Alexander of The Netherlands, right, helps an acrobat

Fight to save Dutch from damnation

A NATIONAL campaign against blaspheny is gathering force in The Netherlands.

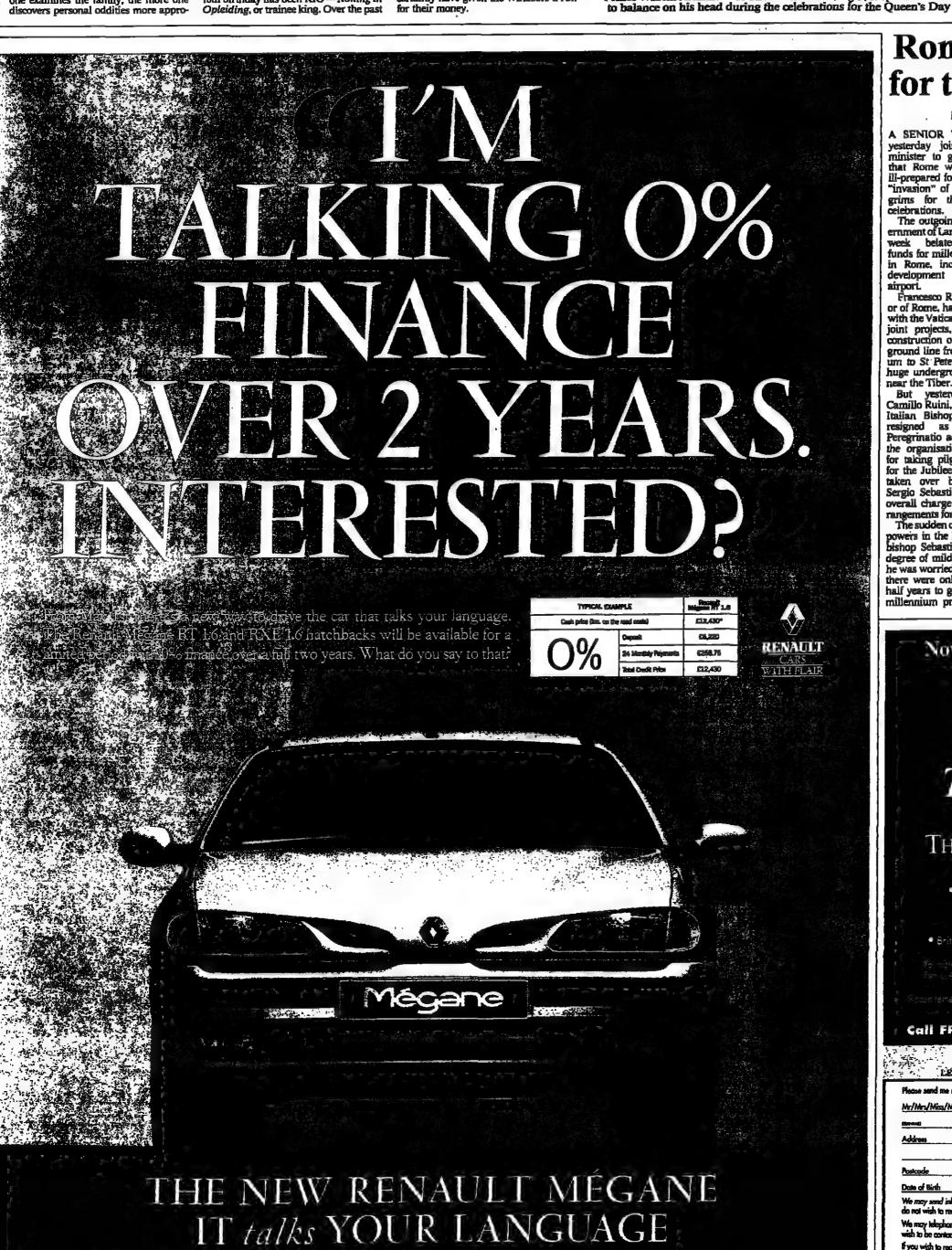
Railway stations now carry posters proclaiming: "Missed your train? Cursing doesn't help!" Television commercials urge the Dutch not to swear like

Anti-blasphemy lobbyists launched a protest campaign against a Korean car company which played with the Ten Commandments in its advertising. The offending advertisement was later withdrawn.

The Association Against Cursing, which was set up in 1917 by Jan Baas, a Calvinist, now has 18,000 registered members and many sponsors (not only from the churches). It never sleeps, and remains on constant alert for spluttered dammations.

Rijk van de Poll notes that the Dutch who live in the Roman Catholic south curse far more than their counterparts in the Protestant north. He would like to make the anti-blasphemy cause international, but so far it has failed to set the Continent alight.

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Rome ill-prepared for the millennium

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A SENIOR Vatican official yesterday joined a former minister to give a warning that Rome was disastrously ill-prepared for an impending "invasion" of 40 million pilgrims for the millennium

celebrations.

The outgoing interim Government of Lamberto Dini this week belatedly approved funds for millennium projects in Rome, including the redevelopment of Fiumicino airport.

airport.
Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, has been working with the Vatican to co-ordinate joint projects, including the construction of a new underground line from the Colosseum to St. Peter's Square and huge underground car parks near the Tiber.

But yesterday, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the head of the Italian Bishops' Conference, resigned as director of Peregrinatio ad Petri Sedem, the organisation responsible for taking pilgrims to Rome for the Jubilee. The post was taken over by Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, who is in overall charge of Valican archaecters for the Holy Year.

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The sudden concentration of powers in the hands of Archbishop Sebastiani suggests a degree of mild panic. Hesaid he was worried that, although there were only three and a half years to go, many of the millennium projects had not

even begun. The Archbishop suggested it might be better to leave disruptive projects, such as the new underground, until 2004, when Rome hopes to host the Olympic Games.

host the Olympic Games.

Alberto Ronchey, a former Minister of Culture who lives in the medieval quarter next to the Vatican known as the Borgo, said Rome was incapable of handling 40 million pilgrims and tourists. "This is an ancient city, not a new creation like Brasilia or Canberta," he told La Repubblica. "The residents of the Borgo

are up in arms".

Signor Ronchey said the underground line would take many years to build, and tig tunnellers would have to cope with layers of Roman history along the way, as well as mud and clay under the Tiber. He said that Pope John Paul II had announced grandiose plans for the Jubilee to round off his papacy, and the city authorities had weakly bowed to the wishes of the Vatican as a "world power".

"Millions of pilgrims and tourists will come here and find one vast open-air building site," he said.

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Agea appeal: A lawyer representing Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turkish terrorist who shot and wounded the Pope in May 1981, said she would apply for his release. Marina Magistrelli said Agea had been in jail for 15 years.

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■ OPINION A little late in the day, Mrs Bottomlev

delivers a

proper policy

for heritage



A children's world with a nasty twist is recreated in a new staging of Potter's Blue Remembered Hills

■ THEATRE





■ RISING STAR Addicted to his writing: Tobias Hill is the latest bright hope of the poetic classes



ON MONDAY

Playing at being Monroe: Lisa Eichhorn prepares for a new stage version of The Misfits

But I have an awful suspicion

that Mrs B is being sincere. She really does believe that it is crucial to break down the barriers — psychological, social and educational — that stop millions of people from enjoying the arts. And the is right

Tow, however, she must

turn fine words into deeds. That won't be easy.

Too many arts organisations still

pay lip-service to "accessibility"

while clinging to their clubby.

cliquey old ways. Mrs B must

bang heads together. But she is

she is right.

R arely do I feel sorry for Virginia Bottomley, our gorgeous, pouting Heritage Secretary. In fact until recently I considered her a bit of a disappointment. Her "Drusilla the Mad Axe-Lady" image when she was in charge of Health led me to expect wild and bloody deeds when she tackled the arts. That would have been a thrilling spectacle.

Instead, Mrs B has undergone a disturbing metamorphosis. Now she is like some jolly Auntie to the Nation, forever wittering on about how the lottery — which she ranks somewhere between the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Eroica Symphony in the league of human accomplishment — is going to transform our lives. By comparison to Ginny, Voltaire's

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Candide was a morbid pessimist. But I'll say this: she tries hard. No previous Tory Arts Minister has made such efforts to understand the problems of Britain's cultural life, except perhaps David Mellor — and unfortunately he became the problem.

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

TOBIAS HILL

published in September by Oxford University Press, followed

by his short stories, published by Faber. "I've been writing a screenplay and a children's book." Hill says.

Infant genius? "When I was eight," he admits, "I wrote a novel. I wrote my first poem at II. I knew that was what I

Current odd jobs: Literary reviewing. Hill is also the voice of the nation. At least, he speaks for "Outraged of Tunbridge

Roots: His father was the former Times journalist George

Hill. His mother was, until recently, an arts editor at

North London ind: Reared in Kentish Town, Hill is now just

up the road. In between, he ran a school in Japan. "I sent a barrage of poems from there and started winning competitions here, with readings attached. I thought I could be a poet from the middle of a rice field but you can't."

On writing: "I find myself writing about time and memory,

being in transit. Cities interest me," he observes. "I am influenced by Japan. I like poetry that's pared down without fosing complexity. Writing is an addiction, too. A day without it and I get the shakes."

HarperCollins. "So both were bookish," he explains.

Wells" et al on Feedback.

Age: 25

Profession: Poet

Poetry Award.

Tall stories, surely? All

right, some wins have been for short stories. Skin won a

BBC Radio First Bite Award.

Imminent: He is reading at

the Hay Festival (May 23-25)

and at the Festival Hall

(June 4). His poems will be

KATE BASSETT

Last chance to win the popular vote This week Mrs B tried especially hard. She launched a big new policy document. People Taking

Part, with a detailed speech. The Heritage Department proudly sent out — wait for it — a press release. That makes at least two in three years. "Virginia Bonomley Sets Out Her Vision For Access To Our National Arts And Heritage." it trumpeted grandly.

So how was she received? With a starchy rebuke from a Daily Telegraph editorial for dangerous egalitarianism? With mocking scorn from some unreconstructed

Marxist on The Guardian? Well, no. The sad fact is that nobody noticed. The minister with responsibility for television, radio, sport, publishing, the press, theatre, music, films and museums made a major mission statement ... and won fewer column inches

than Glenn Hoddle's haircut.

That's why I feel sorry for Mrs B. It's also why I feel sorry for Great Britain plc. We are up to our necks in trivia. Soon we will drown.

Of course, Mrs B's speech did have one drawback. It was rather like those wonderful "get it off your chest" meetings in offices, where the management says: "You can discuss anything you want, except money". Mrs B's speech discussed everything -- except the level of government subsidy to the arts. the single most contentious issue. Still, let us not be churlish. She

did say some important things. She pointed out that, in their leisure time, people want to "enjoy themselves and make friends, to understand what is going on, to be welcomed, and to be able to relate new experiences to their lives in some way". But all too often, especially in the high arts, "these simple needs are overlooked, and

IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

our heritage is presented in an unresponsive way, because that's the way it has always been done". From now on, she implied, the great Heritage Department machine will go into overdrive to ensure arts companies will have to brush up their "customer care" and establish much better links with schools, while lottery money will be diverted to introduce more children properly to the arts. You might wonder why it has taken this Government 17 years to realise that it is educating a nation of philistines, but don't ask me to unravel the intricacies of the

Most intriguingly, Mrs B proposes new schemes to harness the energy of amateurs. There are already, she says, 25,000 volun-teers working in museums around the country, while amateur dra-matic societies play a staggering 66,000 shows to 11.9 million people each year. Mrs B believes voluntary arts participation is potentially a gigantic growth area -especially in these, er, leisurely

political mind.

times. "The notion of a job for life" is no longer something people expect," she says - a trifle disingenuously, you may think.

Her speech even had a Witticism: "Having spent some years as Health Secretary trying to add years to life I do feel a responsibility to help add 'life to years'." Gosh. Who said satire was dead? It is easy to be cynical about Mrs B's ideas. Why, some might ask, would a politician want more people working in the arts for nothing, except as a way of pruning the professional arts still further? Already there is a terrible row in Surrey — in Mrs B's own constituency, in fact - because an affluent amateur theatre group

fast running out of time. It would be ironic if, after 17 years, the Tories finally produced a sane arts policy, only to be booted out of office before bringing it into effect. Still, never mind, Labour's arts spokesman, the Eton-educated Mark Fisher, has declared that his party would give a high priority to (guess what?) "access" and "arts has been awarded nearly El million from the lottery to rebuild its education". Strange how great premises, while nearby profession-

minds think alike. And average

minds too, of course

THEATRE: Revival of Dennis Potter's play is too big for its breeches

are tottering on the brink.

al theatres have either closed or

Less enchantment to the déjà vu

vision play famously cast adults as children, sevenyear-olds squabbling. scrapping, kissing their dolls, pre-tending to be Spittires (the setting is the summer holiday of 1943) and playing practical jokes on each other, the last of which goes tragically wrong. It packs a punch on the stage as well, although if the characters were 12 or 13, as in Wedekind's Spring Awakening, where younglooking adults play the roles without any fuss being made of it, the sorrow and terror of the story would not be seriously diminished. Perhaps Potter needed them to be seven years old because that was his age in 1943.

Patrick Marber's production makes me realise that there are two sharply contrasting ways of directing this niece. Five years ago, on the tiny stage of the Man in the Moon, Terra Firma played it simply. Half-a-dozen chairs served as fallen trees in the wood, where every snapping twig might alert the escaped Italian prisoner. Then, when arranged in a line, they became the barn door that blocks the way back to the "land of lost content".

That production had mature actors with strong thighs inside their grey shorts, actresses whose breasts bobbed within their navy jumpers, but after the few minutes required for adjustment the daring quaintness of Potter's device became just another

Doyle's direction certainly never sought to draw our attention to it.

At the other extreme, Marber never wants us to forget the contrivance for long. A pastoral landscape designed by Richard Hudson slopes steeply beyond a cow chewing the cud, a line of ducks walking or a flock of sheep not so safely grazing, because one of the children eventually kicks a black lamb over the hill. The two girls

Blue Remembered Hills Lyttelton

(Geraldine Somerville, Debra Gillett) walk along the skyline, their squeaking pram larger than the fields this side of it. A plane flies on a wire across the blue sky and disappears into a promptly raised blue flap the other side. These jokey tricks occur mainly in the early scenes, but quite near the end the chastened bully (Gerard Horan) stamps down the hill and kicks the church tower as he passes. Bonggi

You can see that Marber wants to tull us into thinking the play is going to be amusing, self-conscious and pantomimic, so as to make the disaster in the barn hit like a whiplash. The roar of the fire, the flames (real ones) and collapsing roof timbers are exceptionally naturalisthe rest of the direction, where the children chase each other above the sky, and in the end are left standing up there, denying responsibility for the tragedy, while Michael Gam-bon's voice is heard reading, indistinctly. Housman's poem from which the title comes.

Somerville and Gillett catch the gait and deportment of little girls extraordinarily well, the way they twiddle their ankles or smirk. The males hobble too much when galumphing around the place, but are credibly boyish in their interactions: Steve Coogan (the creator of Alan Partridge, in his first company role) exuberantly inventing death by cooking apple, then wailing in fear, Matt Bardock's stutterer, killing Indians without a care, then weeping over a dead squirrel; the would-be know-all of Nigel Lindsay, and Robert Clemster's Donaid, inconsolad grieving for his dad, a prisoner of the

Japanese. In the closing moments laughter freezes, but either Marber's direction or the play itself makes the end less anguished if the catastrophe is known beforehand. I would need to see a not-so-quirky production to decide, but just possibly this is a play best seen just the once. The production is sponsored by Oracle

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Matt Bardock (top) and Gerard Horan are two of the "children" playing out wartime fantasies in Patrick Marber's quirky production







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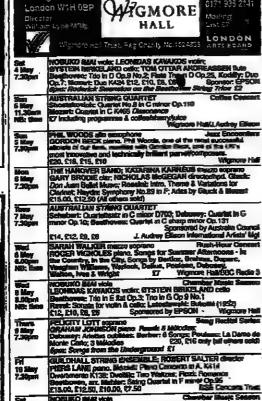
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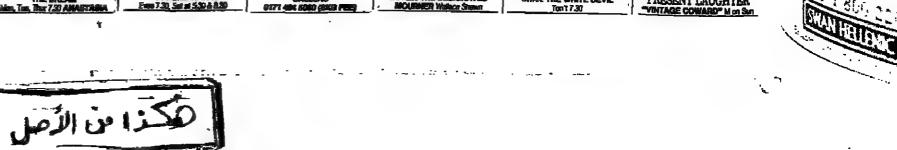
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The LSO pays homage to the composer Toru Takemitsu under the baton of Daniel Harding

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BASE NOTE

A glittering swansong for Gary Barlow? Take That's former muse heads the Novello nominees



CHOICE

From children to seasoned veterans: see the Going Out pages in the Weekend section for the best shows

Banging about in the kitchen

nyone with front row tickets for tonight's concert at Symphony
Hall, Birmingham,
by the percussionist Evelyn Glennie need not shovel down an early dinner beforehand. They might just find that they are fed during the performance. Glennie will be giving the world premiere of a piece of solo percussion music called My Dream Kitchen, written by the jazz composer Diango Bates. It involves a full battery of kitchen implements and is written around the act of baking a cake.

The piece will develop as I play it during the tour, but it is actually extremely detailed on the score. My technician has been working out how to hang saucepans and pots to get the right sounds. He has built an acoustic worksurface for chopping and grating and another for the plates and baking tins.

"I play the pans and do some chopping and then pop the ingredients into a mixing bowl. Then I move over to play the marimbas for a bit of relaxation before coming back to the mixing bowl and the baking sheets, where I start getting a wee bit more anxious. I start bashing away at the pans, and chucking the apple cores and bits in the bin and then in my frustration I end up throwing my watch and my cookery book into the mixture before sticking it all in

Normally I hate cooking so this is all about my fury in the kitchen. I should have something to cut up and distribute by the end but I'm sure it will

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Joanna Pitman meets the superb percussionist Evelyn Glennie

on the eve of her British tour

evolve and improve with each performance.

On second thoughts, Swatch-and-cookery-book cake may not be ideal for an end of concert snack, but I can guarantee that its production will be well worth watching. In a musical civilisation that

is infinitely complicated and vast. Glennie insists on finding and experimenting with everything herself. She has a mind and a physical awareness that is trained to close and intense observation and she looks at every idea hard, even down to a mere apple core, searching for its musical possibilities.

On stage she is an enormously impressive artist with a visual theatricality as well as an incisive musicality; and the fact of her profound deafness is the very least of it. Confronted with the live creature herself, you immediately see that all the exuberance and eloquence of her music is there in the person, plainly visible in her face, her tiny, supple body and her softly ringing Aberdeen accent.

Glennie's experimental creativity is her dynamo. She

rampages through a vast di-versity of ideas for her percussion music, jumping between cultures and across continents. "The past ten years have been about experimenting, about looking for and commissioning new works, expanding the repertoire written for percussion and expanding and shaping myself too as a musician at the same time."

There is a gleefulness about her as she speaks, and each new concept or observation brings with it a wide, secure and contented smile. It is the sort of smile that shows she has a pretty clear idea of what she wants and that she knows she has the discipline to achieve it.

This three-week British tour, which will take Glennie, her kitchen and her armoury of drums and instruments to II cities, reflects this vital and eclectic spirit. She will play African rhythms, Latin American folk, mythical medieval music and some energetic rock rhythms. This demanding tour is typical of a schedule that annually incorporates 110 concerts, a four-month spell in America, as well as trips to Japan and other Asian countries.

You get the impression that

for Glennie a life without

pressure would be no life at all. She does not mind that she has spent only 12 nights at home so far this year. She ioves constant demands, constant achievement and improvement. And it is all selfgenerated. She would never be able to sit around waiting to be inspired; instead she rushes around perspiring and playing, inventing new instruments (she has a collection of 700 that includes bin lids. spoons and car parts as well as hundreds of orthodox instruments from all over the world). and composing her own music too. Her OBE and her growing international recognition have made her no less radical a peformer. And that is why I get the impression that Glennie still wakes up happy in the mornings.



Everything including the kitchen sink: Evelyn Glennie expects her cake-making skills to improve with each performance of My Dream Kitchen on her three-week tour

Take That line up a Novello

THE leader of the sadly defunct Take That, Gary Barlow, heads the list of nominees for the 41st Ivor Novello Awards, to be presented in London on May 30. His song Back for Good is nominated in four of the eight categories, including that of Best Song Musically and Lyrically. But owner-ship of the key trophy, Best Contemporary Song, will fall to either Noel Gallagher of Oasis for Wonderwall, the Supergrass team for Alright, or Edwyn Collins for A Girl Like You.

• FRESH from the early success of his first film, Beautiful Thing, the play-wright Jonathan Harvey is planning his first-ever stage musical in collaboration with the Pet Shop Boys. Harvey met the group some years back when they contacted him after his first television play, West End Girls, whose title derives from a Pet Shop Boys' song. The team will begin work on the musical this month.

● THE 41st competition for the Kathleen Ferrier Awards for young opera and lieder singers took place at the Wigmore Hall last week. First prize -£10,000 and a London recital - went to Geraldine McGreevy, a 28-year-old graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, Second prize of £5,000 went to Alison Buchanan, 27. The Decca Prize of £2,500 was awarded to Konrad Jarnot, 23.

● JUST 21 years old and with ten million sales of her Alanis Morissette will return to Britain to appear at the four-day Phoenix 1996 festival at Long Marston, Stratford-upon-Avon, on July 19. She has also been confirmed as support to

Bob Dylan, the Who and Eric Clapton at the Prince's Trust benefit, to be held in Hyde Park on June 29.

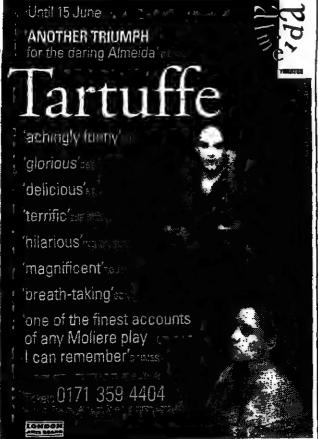
BASE NOTES

 IT IS Diane Fletcher and not Nicola Pagett who will lead the recast version of An Ideal Husband to the Old Vic next week when the hit Peter Hall revival continues its acclaimed run. Pagett, who is unwell, bowed out during rehearsals.

● THE critic, historian and broadcaster Christopher Frayling has been appointed as the new Rector and Vice-Provost of the Royal College of Art. He will take up his post on July 15. Frayling has been with the college since 1979, when he was appointed its first Professor of Cultural History.

● THIS year's cultural capital of Europe, Copenhagen, is celebrating its maritime location in suitably seafaring style, with an open-air exhibition of contemporary artwork in-stalled in 20ft ship containers. Ninety-six artists from as many scaports around the world are contributing to the exhibition. titled Container 96 - Art Across Oceans, which runs until August 31.

● SOME £300,000 of prize money is up for grabs as **Prudential** launches its 1996 Awards for the Aris. Around 600 arts organisations have been invited to submit entries for the five album Jagged Little Pill categories of dance, music, under her belt, Canada's theatre, opera and visual arts. The five category winners stand to receive £50,000 each - double the amount of last year. Redney Milnes, The Times opera critic, will be sitting as judge on the opera panel.



Youthful energy

AT 20. Daniel Harding is believed to be the youngest person ever to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra. This record was set on Thursday night, when he led the orchestra through a concert dedicated to the memory of

Harding's style is dynamic. employing vigorous gestures to achieve results of great vibrancy and immediacy. To Britten's Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge he brought a sweeping line, not least in a poignantly realised

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tinguished soloist in two works for guitar and orchestra, the first, Concerto Antico. by Richard Harvey, receiving its London premiere. Harvey's biography describes him as primarily a film and TV music composer", and indeed the mock-Tudor colours and

rhythms of his concerto would have served nicely for a cos-Harding's immediacy is a less obvious virtue in music that explores states of the subconscious - such as Takemitsu's To the Edge of Dream. And, with the solo guitar amplified, I wondered whether there should have

been a more persuasive sense of floating, of something dis-tant and ethereal. Conductor and orchestra were incontrovertibly in their element, however, in Bartók's Miraculous Mandarin suite. Harding has an impressive mastery of the scores he conducts, enabling him to deliver performances brimming with confidence and

> BARRY MILLINGTON

Toru Takemitsu. Funeral March.



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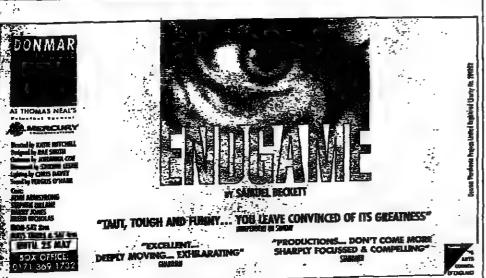
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Minister, Douglas Hogg. stood in the House of Commons and announced a subsidy of Ell8 million to the beef rendering industry, to soothe its ruffled finances in consolation for causing the greatest food scare in Britain since the war. In a normal industry, the renderers might be sued by their customers and left to go bankrupt. I had to pinch myself. This was no normal industry, it was farming. It holds the taxpayer to ransom. Any business such as rendering that can plead kinship

with farming is able to do likewise. Farmers last month savaged airlines, steak houses and hamburger chains for "not backing British beef". They did not savage the renderers. But airlines, steak houses and hamburger chains are outside the charmed circle of Mr Hogg's friends. They are too far down the food chain to claim subsidy. Serve up dodgy beef and they go to the wall. Those who supplied them with the beef are compensated. And this is called a

government for private enterprise. Who, you might ask, will be next to seize on the word "farming" and demand subsidy? I can tell you. The answer is the second most pampered "private" industry in Britain. electricity supply.

Most readers of this article — so

marketing tells me - now holiday abroad. They leave the countryside

Old Macdonald had a wind farm

to plebs in caravans and foreigners. They assume government will look after the countryside until they retire. Most readers, therefore, will not have visited Cornwall of late. Parts of that county not already desecrated with caravans and bungalows are being devastated with

Drive along the north Cornish coast today and you will get a shock. From St Ives eastwards, the land rises gently towards Bodmin Moor and then Exmoor. It is near impossible to walk or drive this coast and not be within sight of the rotating wind towers of St Breock, Delabole and Cold Northcott. They claim to cover just a few acres. They do not. Their wild, gesticulating intrusion covers the entire coast. Seven more such clusters are planned for the county.

The same shock awaits visitors to mid-Wales. The headwaters of the Wye and the Severn penetrate the most deserted countryside south of Scotland. These Powys hills are now dominated by 103 towers stretching in rows on the hills above Llanidioes. The Dovey Val-ley in Snowdonia is punctuated by 24 turbines placed on a hill above Cemmaes and visible from the Cader and Plynlimon ranges. Twenty-four more clusters are proposed for Wales. In Yorkshire, a generating station above Hebden Bridge looms over the finest seenery in the Pennines. A proposal to erect an initial 37 towers along the unspoilt south coast of Caithness is barely believable.

I imagined that energy science might one day be able to put underground its worst plague on the face of the British countryside, the electricity pylon. I scarcely believed that it would come up with something even more obtrusive. Nor did I imagine that by allying itself to the Green lobby and calling its generators "wind farms", the energy industry would be able to demand subsidy for their intrusion.

These generators are nothing to do with either farming or cheap energy. They are the product of a deal between Greens, farmers and government. The king of the wind farms, the Energy Minister Tim Eggar, both offers subsidies to build turbines and levies a tax on every fuel bill to pay for the more expensive energy they generate. This deal was under the 1990 Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation, a crude concession to the Green lobby and

Jonathon Porritt's Friends of the Earth made in Lady Thatcher's last months in power.

If the Brent Spa fiasco did not convince me that this lobby is a serious threat to the environment. its support for the wind turbine industry will do so. I was amazed to visit the Delabole generating sta-tion in Cornwall and find Green literature cosily on the shelf alongside manufacturers' handouts. Outside, a once-lovely landscape was rent by whirling rotors and rumbling turbines. The manufacturers claim that the locals like them. Everybody likes subsidy. I hope Cornwall (and Wales and Yorkshire) likes a plummeting tourist income.

Wind is not free energy. There is no such thing. If wind power were

Government began to subsidise them in 1990. Wind power costs money to collect and distribute, money to build, equip and service, money in inflated fuel bills. It costs direct subsidy from Mr Eggar.

Nor are these the only charges. Greens love to cite "external costs" attributable to other forms of power generation. Porritt applies what he calls full-cost pricing to every energy source - except that to which he has lent his name. His lobby claims wind power is wholly "non-polluting". He cannot have stood in a field of turbines, let alone seen them across an upland slope.

very user of the countryside knows that visual pollution is unquantifiable, hard to control and even harder to reverse. Once built, these towers will remain forever (all "farm" subsidy is forever), or their sites will be converted to other industrial uses. These are not rural structures. They are not like the windmills of old, no bigger than church towers and made of local materials. They are power stations, made of metal and towering to a height of more than 200 feet (Nelson's Column is

have been wind "farms" before the 170 feet). Whereas ordinary cooling towers are clustered, usually in a hollow or on flat country, these towers dominate thousands of acres. Indeed the British Wind Energy Association recommends mounting turbines "on as high a tower as possible and well clear of obstructions such as buildings. trees, etc". These are not monuments, like standing stones. The constant gesticulating motion dis-

tracts the eye and destroys tranquil-

lity for miles around. I would like to feel that this subject was controversial. Discuss it with ministers, civil servants or MPs and I realise that they do not use the British landscape any more. Their landscape is that of France and Italy. The Department of Industry reassures wind farm investors that "there are well-established procedures for handling the issue" of environmental sensitivity. That procedure is to ignore it. Three years ago the department claimed it did not want turbines in national parks. Yet it permits them neatly round their perimeters. The 21 massive WEG MS-3 turbines at Cold Northcott on the Devon-Cornwall border wave madly across two "areas of outstanding

natural beauty" as if determined to & strip that phrase of all meaning.

These are government towers.

They march across the finest landscapes in Britain not for reasons of national security or economic efficiency. They are trivial as a power source. All the wind farms in Britain today will produce the same amount of power over the next 25 years as one normal power station in three months. If just 10 per cent of Britain's energy were to come from wind turbines, it would require huge subsidies and 24,000 towers on almost every prominent hill in Britain. The towers are follies, monuments to late-Thatcherism's vulnerability to any lobby that pushes at its door.

I find it hard to blame the farmers. They are now addicts wholly dependent on government handouts. When government told them to rip up hedges, they ripped them up. When told to replant, they replanted. Yesterday it was grain and rape-seed. Today it is set-aside and wind towers. Where subsidy goes, there goes the farmer.

Wind towers are patently a mistake, encouraged by politicians in absentia from the British landscape. They testify to the power of public subsidy to do wrong. They are Britain's Chernobyl. Perhaps Labour will have the guts to dismantle them. Dare I say, it would even be worth some

Why her will wasn't done Hark the Tory faithful

Anthony Howard recalls the Iron Lady's cold war with the Church of England hierarchy

mid all of John Major's tribulations, one factor is frequently Loverlooked. Unlike his predecessor, he has faced remarkably little trouble from the Church of England -apart, that is, from those chosen by the BBC to deliver Thought for the Day. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaks openly of the Prime Minister as "a friend" not. one suspects, a formulation that Margaret Thatcher would automatically have reached for to characterise her relationship with Dr Carey's predecessor, Robert Runcie.

It is hard today to summon back the antagonism that existed between the Anglican hierarchy and the Tory Government in the 1980s. For a time, the bench of bishops appeared to supply the sole effective Opposition to an administration which, in its Prime Minister's words, wanted to "change everything". But the one institution that she signally failed to change during her II years in power was the Anglican Church.

It was certainly not for want of trying. She took her duties to the Church of England very seriously, even going to church at Chequers far more regularly than any of her predecessors. Her first major ecclesiastical appointment was to select Dr Runcie, from the two names submitted to her by the Crown Appointments Commission, to be the 102nd Archbishop of Canterbury. In July 1979, after she had been in office for barely two months, she invited him to Downing Street and, when the then Bishop of St Albans expressed doubts about his qualifications for the job, it was she who considerately told him that he should reflect on her offer over the summer holidays. This he duly did. Six weeks later her patience paid off and Runcie's appointment as Archbishop in succession to Dr Donald Coggan was announced.

They were not strangers to one another. When Margaret Roberts (as she then was) was president of the Oxford University Conservative Association in 1946, Runcie, as a decorated Guards officer returning from the war, had been a member of the association's committee - if only in the slightly peripheral role as the nominated representative of the somewhat toffee-nosed Oxford Cariton Club.

There is no reason to doubt the essential goodwill that existed between No 10 and Lambeth Palace when, in March 1980, Dr Runcie took possession of the See of Canterbury. Why, then, did things so swiftly and abruptly go wrong? In his retirement, living in a modest suburban house in St Albans (a far cry from the formal grandeur of Lambeth or the archaic charm of the Old Palace at Canterbury), Lord Runcie is remarkably candid about what occurred. He believes that from the moment of the Falklands Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral in July 1982, when the Church del ately eschewed any form of triumphalism, he was identified as "an acceptable target" - if not by the Prime Minister (who actually congratulated him at the time on his sermon

on the theme of reconciliation). then by her acolytes. That company may even have included Denis Thatcher, who promptly reported to a group of Tory MPs that afternoon:

The Falklands service was one of the defining moments in the relationship between Church and State during the Thatcher era. But it was not the only one. The tougher elements in the Tory party were quick to spot the Anglican Church as a weak sister in their crusade to bring trade union power to heel, particularly during the miners' strike of 1984-85. It was not that the Archbishop himself said anything that could be interpreted as bringing aid and comfort to "the enemy within". (Indeed, Dr Runcie was far more restrained than Randall Davidson had been in the General Strike of 1926.) But the appointment that summer of David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham soon put a spark to the tinder. When Jenkins called, in his enthronement sermon, for the withdrawal of an elderly, imported American" (meaning Ian McGregor,



Robert Runcle and Margaret Thatcher: no meeting of minds over the Falklands War

chairman of the National Coal Board), even the Tory wets seem to have felt that a jihad had been declared.

They were almost certainly wrong. But the Church did not help its supposedly neutral stance by publishing, in the immediate aftermath of the on urban priority areas, enti-tled Faith in the City. This was a serious attempt to look at the decay, something that Mich-sel Heseltine himself had ear-lier done in his report to the pool. But by 1985 the political dogs had begun to bark and Even liberal ministers, such as the Church was dabbling in dangerous waters. Someone (his identity remains unclear) went so far as to brand Faith in the City, in advance of publication, as an example of "Marxist theology".

strike, a highly critical report problems caused by inner-city Cabinet on conditions in Liverthe caravan had moved on. Willie Whitelaw, thought that

Mrs Thatcher did try to get a dialogue going. In November 1987, she invited the Archbishop and seven other (mainly liberal) bishops to lunch at Chequers. Alas, it did not prove to be an entirely felicitous occasion. The Prime Minister did not listen: instead she lectured. The assembled prelates may have sensed they

were being chastised; they do

not seem to have felt particularly chastened. Six months later, insult was added to injury by what became known as "the Sermon on the Mound": Mrs Thatcher's address to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May 1988. In it she appeared to emphasise choice as a Christian virtue. Worse, she cited with some relish St Paul's dictum: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." It was classic self-help stuff and John Habgood, Archbishop of York, may have made the wrong response by loftily announcing that he found the Prime Minister's biolical exe-

gesis "somewhat odd".

By then there was little hope of repairing the breach. It remained wide open until Margaret Thatcher and Robert Runcie each left office one forcibly, the other voluntarily - within two months of each other in the winter of 1990-91. John Major and George Carey, men of similar backgrounds, may have more obvious achievements to their credit. But one of the hidden ones surely lies in the way in which they have contrived to restore harmony to an area where - to borrow and adapt

The author presents a series about the Church of England. The Purple, the Blue and the Red, starting on Radio 4 next Thursday at 8pm and repeated on Sunday at 4.15pm.

a famous quotation once used

by Mrs Thatcher herself -

there used to be only discord.

returning to the fold

The verdict of the local election results for the Government is bad but not disastrous. There will not be a meltdown of the Conservative Party at the next election. In my own constituency, the Liberals lost control of Mole Valley council last year and, despite a visit by Paddy Ashdown, they lost another seat this year. Every Conservative seat was held and the Conservative vote went up. There was the distinct sound of the Tory faithful returning to the fold.

This result will also extinguish the rumours that flared up in Westminster this week about John Major's position. These had been fanned by Tony Blair and there were enough glum Tory faces around to reconfirm the naturai tendency of the Lobby to enhance, embellish and exaggerate a mood. There is simply no question of the Prime Minister standing down or being ejected from Downing Street. His position as leader of the party was settled by his re-election of July, 1995.

Those who, for a long time, have wanted John Major to go, now say that the Tories cannot win with him as leader. but that we may have a chance with someone else, or indeed anyone else. For this to come about, certain things would have to happen. Step forward that brave and far-seeing band of men in grey suits who will do the dirty deed. Step forward the voter-friendly candidates. How fortunate we have so many. Step forward the electoral college of Tory MPs. How fortunate there are still so many. And then step forward the elected winner. Lastly, step forward the men with

the bandages and tourniquets. The Tory party this weekend should come to its senses. For if John Major were to go either pushed or voluntarily the country would feel, with some justification, that this issue should not just have been left to the small electoral college of Tory MPs, but to the wider electorate of the whole nation. The clamour for an immediate general election would be strident and irresistible. Those MPs who mutter behind their fluttering hands or whisper from the sides of their mouths about the need for a change and a new leader should realise that they, too, are candidates for such a process of change. I remember a meeting of the

These results should bring

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its senses, says

Kenneth Baker

1922 Committee, back in the late 1960s, when Ted Heath's leadership was under question. That splendid figure of Tory stability, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Giles, MP for Winchester, stood up and said: "No bloody panico, pro bono publico."That message should be repeated today. For the Tory party to turn on its leader in the present circumstances would be like the savaging of a wounded colleague. There is something deeply repugnant such behaviour. Cynics may well say: "You have nothing to

In mitigating the Government's unpopularity, Mr Major's stoic virtues are an advantage

lose." But the British people would not forgive a party which sacrificed its leader for the second time in six years. At this moment in the history of the Tory party, we

do not need cynicism or scepticism, but a little stoicism. The Government may be deeply unpopular, but that is not a permanent state of affairs. If we cannot dispel it all, it is certainly possible to mitigate it. The stoic virtues of the Prime Minister are an advantage. He has withstood an avalanche of abuse and he intends to continue and to defend his record. He is rightly proud of the economic

success of his Government. The Government can sensibly do several things. First, it should plan on the basis of being in office until the spring of 1997, with a general election held on local government day next year, May I, 1997. And, with a little luck and a lot of determination, that is pos-

sible. This will provide the oportunity for a short Queen's Speech and an imaginative Budget which cuts taxes, particularly for the lower-paid. Tony Blair will say the Tories are hanging on by their fingernails, but we are quite entitled to run our term, particularly if it sees the fulfilment of our policies. And that it will certainly do.

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FRENCHLOO

On Europe, the Government's policy is now more in tune with the overwhelming sentiments of the country than that of any other party. Only the Conservative Party is standing up for our nation's vital interests. The Liberal Democrats would roll over and Labour would uncritically cosy up to a European superstate, even swallowing the poison pill of the social chapter, just as other European countries are beginning rewrite that chapter.The frankest and fullest debate on Europe is now taking place within the Conservative Party. That is a sign of maturity. rather than of weakness, for it reflects the growing anxiety across Britain about the way in which the political development of the European Community is moving. The official policy of the Conservative Party is now that of Margaret Thatcher's Bruges speech, and that chimes with public sentiment. The Conservative commitment to a referendum on a single currency makes Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party irrelevant. The voters will have a real choice at the next election, but it will be a choice provided by the three main parties.

On the economic front, Britain has been transformed from the sick man of Europe to a country that everyone wants to follow. The British public may not fully appreciate that, but it is true.

ow is new Labour going to improve upon this? If it is time for a change, then do we want to change from low interest rates, from low mortgage rates, from low taxes, from falling unemployment, from increasing exports, and from rising investment? All of these successes would be at risk under new Labour, for Mr Blair has no policies that can improve upon them but several which threaten them. The message which has to be got over in the next 12 months is: new Labour is in danger.

How galling

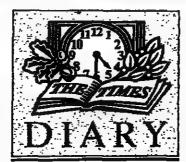
man has snubbed his President. In a diplomatic faux pas that has left the Gallic corps diplomatique aghast, Eric Cantona has kicked an invitation to meet President Chirac



aware that he could score a public relations coup by being photographed with the footballer during his state visit to Britain later this month. So Cantona, along with Newcastle United's pretty Gallic star David Ginola, was invited to a select party at the French embassy. To Chirac's disappointment,

both players have declined the invitation without explanation. Ginola may already have booked an end-of-season holiday but Cantona's diary must be empty in case of an FA Cup replay that week. "We don't know why they can't come," says a French embassy official, "There's now no chance of the President meeting them on this

Cantona may have declined because he is regarded as an exile in France, where public opinion is sharply divided on his antics. Despite being Britain's Footballer of the Year, he looks unlikely to be present day, the old kitchens at



recalled to the French side for the European Championships. "He's just fed up with the French," says an Old Trafford source.

Old mould ONE FURTHER manifestation of the decline of the aristocracy comes today from the Queen's cousin, Lord Harewood, a man with a passion for children's jelly. Today he throws open the doors of Harewood House near Leeds for a jelly festival. In a celebration of jellymaking from the 14th century to the

for the first time in 50 years. The bearded peer is a-quiver with an-

● New & Lingwood, shirtmakers to impoverished aristocrats and supoliers of boxer shorts to Prince William and his fellow Etonians, have snapped under fashion's awful pressures. For the first time in their history, they are selling buttondown shirts of the sort favoured by American investment bankers.

Tooth tour

FOR THAT tingle-fresh holiday, nothing can quite compare with Hungary, a country with as much pride invested in its dentists as in its goulash. In a jaw-dropping attempt to lure tourists away from Prague and Bucharest, Hungarian Airtours is for the first time offering

dental holidays.
Free consultations and half-price bridge work are thrown in as part of the trip, and dentists collect their petrified patients from the airport.
"Hungary has a history of good

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dental work," sparkled a spokesman from the travel agents. There are whole streets of dentists."

Out of school

HEADMASTERS are furious about the Sunday Express's attempts to lure school sneaks out of their traps. The paper is so desperate for stories, any stories, that it is trying to recruit tale-telling school-



A-tingle: the SR toothpaste girl

boys through a discreet advertisement in its pages. The paper asks for narks to feed it stories from any top public school "such as Ampleforth, Eton, Fettes, Harrow, Roedean or Rugby," and some state schools such as the London Oratory, attended by Tony Blair's son

Euan, and Harrogate Grammar.

"If someone had a good story on the Oratory or Eton, I'd give them £500 like that," says the Sunday Express education correspondent. Six out of the top ten ranked independent schools have complained, calling the advertisement scandalous.

Royal elbow

THE PRINCESS of Wales escaped the humiliation of being "psycho-analysed" by Channel 4 but she will surely feel the cold blast of public opinion in next month's Harpers & Queen.

She doesn't even feature in a forthcoming survey of the "50 most alluring women in the world." A panel nominated the candidates for their subtlety, mystery and attraction. Audrey Hepburn came top



Winner: Audrey Hepburn

and such sirens as Catherine Deneuve and Isabelle Adjani are also highly placed. The Princess was apparently squeezed out by Ruby Wax and the cartoon character Jessica Rabbit.

MAJOR POSSIBILITIES

Defeat defeatism and speak to the ideals of Britain

Nobody can pretend that Thursday night's local election results were good news for the Conservatives. Only a party used to the cataclysmic can see a mere disaster as a relief. But at least now there will no more such tests until the general election. If, through will and leadership, the party can put its bad news and bad behaviour behind it, the Tories may begin the slow trudge back to popularity.

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This much was clear from the demeanour of the two main party leaders yesterday. John Major, despite the drubbing his side had received, looked relaxed and confident. He told radio listeners that he would remain at his post "through to the next election and beyond": and at least the first part of that claim now looks set to be true. Tony Blair, meanwhile, the victor of the evening, had nothing new to say, except his rejection of the complacency that among his colleagues is all too visible.

Mr Major's troops need badly now to see that something is going their way. They can still remember the Harman affair and how Mr Blair could be badly rattled. After that rare political gain. Tory MPs started to behave in a more cheerful and disciplined manner, for a short few weeks. They need to regain that composure, and build upon it to have a chance of steepening their ascent in the opinion polls.

How might that be done? First, those few senior Conservatives who still believe that they have a chance of winning the election -John Major, Michael Heseltine, Brian Mawhinney, perhaps a few others — must persuade more MPs to share this faith. Defeatism, which is now endemic even in the Cabinet, is the main enemy of political recovery. Voters can sense it instantly in

ministers' faces, words and deeds. There are glimmers of hope that optimists can reasonably extract from the pattern of voting on Thursday. Labour's share of the vote, at 44 per cent, was some ten points below what the party scores in opinion polls. Labour has clearly not yet offered the electorate good enough positive reasons for support. It can be said that some Labour attrition was inevitable because the Liberal Democrats always perform better in local elections than in national polls. But most of the extra Liberal Democrat votes seem to have come from Labour rather than the Tories, whose share was on a par with their national poll rating. The high Lib Dem vote could be a symptom of intelligent tactical voting against the Government. But it could also show that much of the anti-Tory vote was a single act of protest.

Secondly, the Tory inner circle must take advantage of some harder months ahead for Mr Blair. The policies that Labour has yet to decide are the most contentious ones, those likeliest to cause rebellions in his ranks. The Tories need to extract maximum gain from this: before he announces his plans, they can exploit his uncertainty; afterwards they can whip up dissent and, in doing so, spread the confidence of the innermost circle to the Tory troops at large.

Thirdly, and this has always been the hardest task for Mr Major, he must find a firmer appeal to that idealist side of the British character so dismissed by European leaders such as Karl Lamers in his letter on this page today and in his article in The Times last week. Herr Lamers, like many senior Germans, divides views of Europe into his own objective "supranational reality" and others' "subjective consciousness" of their national identity. Mr Major, ever happy when deriding idealistic notions as 'cloud cuckoo land", too often sounds like Herr Lamers. Tory voters would rather that he did not.

The Conservatives can improve their position only by pounding out their support for a Europe of nations and the peril of Labour ceding the last British sovereignty to Brussels. If members of his party cannot agree on exactly what they are for, most ought to agree upon what they are against. Although the Tories remain outsiders to win the next election, they should not write off the possibility. To do so would be bad for immediate British governance, bad for what remains of their electoral hopes and even bad for Mr Blair's modernisation of Labour.

BALANCE IN JUSTICE

The next Lord Chief Justice should seek to consolidate

Since his appointment four years ago, the Lord Chief Justice has shown himself a brave fighter for his profession and his principles. As Lord Taylor of Gosforth draws on that courage for the struggle with cancer which has prompted his early retirement, he can be assured of respect and support from both his political critics and the judiciary whose reputation he has worked so hard to bolster.

Lord Taylor inherited his job at a low point for the judiciary. His predecessor, Lord Lane, had presided over a decline in public faith in the criminal justice system after the quashing of the convictions of the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four. Maladroit handling of their appeals had led to the establishment of the first royal commission for more than a decade. It also contributed to a widespread feeling that judges, although they must remain independent, should be a little nearer the agora than Olympus.

Lord Taylor had demonstrated sure-footedness during the inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster and was determined to bring the operation, and thinking, of judges closer to the people. In stark contrast to Lord Lane he held press conferences. granted interviews and even appeared on the BBC's Question Time. His personal candour and wisdom were applauded and contributed to a better understanding of the process of justice. In his efforts as Lord Chief Justice to modernise his profession, Lord Taylor has not always trod as cautiously as its more conservative members might like. But he has displayed a confidence, integrity and intelligence which command respect.

There have been criticisms of the Taylor glasnost. Lord Donaldson of Lymington, a former Master of the Rolls, has counselled caution. The traditional view, articulated by Lord Parker of Waddington in 1967, was that judges should make their views known in private consultation, not on public stages and that any involvement in political debate could only undermine judicial independence and contribute to an erosion of authority. The fierce dispute over sentencing policy between Lord Taylor, and the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, has certainly led to a backlash against the judiciary from Conservative critics in Parliament and press.

But there is no doubt that Lord Taylor speaks for the majority of his profession. His entry into political controversy was designed to see off what judges saw as an unwarranted extension of the executive's power in their domain. We have disagreed with some of Lord Taylor's arguments, but in making them he has provided a reasoned opposition to change that few politicians have been willing to supply.

Although in many ways a moderniser. Lord Taylor has resisted the unhappier forms of modernity. He has opposed racial or gender quotas for either judges or juries and stood out against televising courts. The task for his successor is to consolidate the changes already made and provide a measure of stability on the Bench. Another institution which benefited initially from greater openness, MI5, has opted for a lower profile in its new director to provide reassurance after Stella Rimington's reforms. The essence of law is balance justice tempered by mercy. Just as Lord Taylor balanced Lord Lane, so now a new Lord Chief Justice should steer his profession away from the sound of gunfire.

FRENCH FOOTWORK

A tricky ball in Chirac's court

Who, in British eyes, is the greatest living Frenchman? An actor — a Depardieu, per-haps? Or maybe a philosopher — even if only Derrida springs commonly to mind. The British imagination could also seize on Sylvie Guillern, who has brought so much to the Royal Ballet, or even Jacques Delors, the Eurocrat we loved to hate.

One man, however, is seen to embody all their talents. He even lives on our own shores. Step forward Eric Cantona, the one Gallic soul whose British admirers can be counted in their millions. Here is the man who must surely be honoured by President Chirac in ten days' time as his country's real ambassador to Britain. But there are snags.

As President Chirac plans his state visit, the Elysée, the Quai d'Orsay, the French Embassy and all those charged with adding elan to the trip have been wondering how the great footballer can be pictured together with the President. But state visits have their own rigid protocol banquets. When could M Chirac find time to give the great man a hearty embrace, exchange a few locker-room jokes or josh the ambulant philosopher (not too severely, the aides advise, least a piquant

remark provokes another drop-kick)? Surely, then, invite M Cantona to the embassy reception for Britain's French community? But Cantona is not M Chirac's only ask his aides to try harder.

favourite football export. He and his countrymen, it seems, are prouder of David Ginola, the Newcastle United player. For them, he is the suaver, smarter, more stylish Frenchman, a man who played for a Paris team when M Chirac was the capital's Mayor. France sniffs at Cantona's childhood spent in a cave outside Marseilles and laughs at television's satirical puppet portrayal of a latter-day Picasso spouting meaningless intellectual drivel. Only les Anglais, they say, who cannot tell the difference between a Cartesian principle and an artesian well, prefer the troglodyte.

Both would have to be invited. But then the second snag occurs: a cocktail party is not the natural stalking ground for British tabloid photographers. The meeting would have to be arranged in a more public place. How about a serendipitous encounter during one of the President's walkahouts?

All these machinations, however, have hit an insuperable obstacle: neither footballer seems interested in meeting his President. Both have turned down the embassy soirée; both have hinted they will be nowhere near the Chirac itinerary. Such lese-majesté would once have occasioned a reprimand more deadly than anything handed down by a British court: nowadays M Chirac can

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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seen from Bonn

From Herr Karl Lamers

Sir, Great Britain is in the midst of a fundamental debate on her position in - or her relation to - Europe. This can be useful, if in the end it leads to clarity. In his response to my article of April 27, "Beyond the nation state". William Rees-Mogg has argued his case (April 29; see also letters, May I and 3) and it is very clear indeed.

Lord Rees-Mogg agrees with my analysis that the Euro-sceptics deal with the inner, subjective reality of the consciousness (as opposed to the ob-jective external reality). He shares my reference to Britain's island status and he elaborates on the different historical experiences of our two countries.

Obviously counting himself as one of the "more hardline Euro-sceptics in Britain" he concludes from the differences in views, perceptions and politi-cal culture in Britain and in Germany that Britain should "step aside" and create a new, friendly but independent relationship with Europe.

I do not know whether it would be good for Britain to do that William Rees-Mogg's entire article devotes not a single word to what I called the objective, external reality.

Sir Roy Denman and Mr Stephen Woodard, in their letters of May I. pointed to the economic prosperity and the political influence Britain gains from her membership in the European Union. In Sir Roy's book, Missed Chances, an American diplomat is quoted as saying that British influence in Washington is contingent upon British influence in Europe. I would even go one step further: no European power is any longer able to protect her vital interests acting on her

The objective reality includes a sup-ranational reality with supranational problems and supranational threats. The nation state can no longer sufficiently protect the nation against these threats. This does not mean the nation state should be abolished or replaced. It just needs something else, another community on a higher level, added to

The objective reality calls for an effective European Union. If we make the European Union capable of acting against the cross-border threats to our nations, then (and I think only then) can we secure the future and thus the identity of our nations.

It is for the British to decide which of the two realities they want to be guided by when they choose and design their room in the European house. The others have a right to expect a choice to be made, but they will then have to respect it. The future EU will have to allow for different degrees of integration. But I hope the British join those who are determined to try to make Europe efficient enough to protect the common interests of our na-

Yours faithfully, KARL LAMERS (Foreign Affairs Spokesman. Christian Democratic Union), Bundeshaus, AH214, 53113 Bonn.

Lottery licence

From the Director General of the National Lottery

Sir. Of course I was aware, when I took my decision to award the lottery licence to Camelot in May 1994, that the two people referred to in your report today ("Dearing breaks silence on lottery concerns") worked for

GTech. The substance of this latest instalment of your criticism of my role as the regulator of the National Lottery. therefore, is only that I did not have total recall, before the Public Accounts Committee on December 11, 1995, of what I had known, in May 1994, about all eight applicants for the operating licence and their employees or

prospective employees.

For the record, I undertook vetting procedures on some 1,300 individuals and 230 companies in connection with the evaluation of applications for the licence to run the National Lottery.

Yours faithfully. PETER DAVIS. Director General, Office of the National Lottery. 2 Monck Street, SWI.

Coastguard dispute

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir. The Government's cuts in the coastguard service (report, April 29) are another example of its inherent myopia. By leaving the coastguard under-skilled and under-resourced the Government is asking for disaster.

But it is not only lives and our beautiful coastline that are in jeopardy: the Government is also risking clean-up bills of millions. Surely it is in the public interest to have the sensible insurance policy of an adequate number of coastguard stations around our coastline with properly trained staff to avoid accidents like that of the Sea Empress.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ALLEN (Shadow Minister for Transport), House of Commons. April 29.

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The nation state as Farm food and the length and quality of human life

From the Honorary Secretary of the Farm and Food Society

Sir. There are points in Michael Hornsby's article. "Why caged birds may be happier" (April 30), which need questioning.

"If we are living longer and healthier lives than ever before," writes Mr Hornsby, "it is in large part because of the huge increase in the supply of high-quality and relatively inexpensive food made possible by modern fertilisers and pesticides." The operative word is "if": we may be kept alive longer due to medical technology and drugs but the value of life needs to be assessed on quality rather than

The Food Commission came into being precisely because of the inferiority of much of our food production, while there is now an important movement to restrict the use of agrochemicals because their dangers are recognised. The full cost of our "inexpensive" food, including environmental pollution, grants and subsidies to farmers, or cruelty to animals, is never taken into consideration by those who assess it by retail prices.

"The cooking and handling of food is a far bigger cause of food poisoning than farming." Cooking and handling of food do not in themselves produce toxic bacteria, some of which are generated on the farm, and have greatly increased since the introduction of factory-farming.

"Most deaths (of non-battery laying hens) are associated with the stress induced by exposure to an uncontrolled environment." Laying birds are so genetically engineered that they are only adapted to continual egg-laying in unnatural conditions. Broiler birds bred to produce meat at the cost of

their proper development cannot survive long outside the hothouse conditions of the broiler-house. This does not indicate "happiness" in intensive conditions. Machines are incapable of

Yours faithfully, JOANNE BOWER, Honorary Secretary, The Farm and Food Society, 4 Willifield Way, NWII. May I.

From Mr Ian Stirling

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford (A medical case for meat", April 30) must think I am in a parlous state of health, since he states that vitamin B12, "essential for the production of blood", is lound only in meat and animal products; yet with the exception of occasional dairy products, which I have decreasingly eaten during the last five years or so. I have eaten almost no bits animals since the end of the Second World War.

How is it that at the age of 76 l can (in most cases) easily outdo most of my contemporaries in physical fitness and agility? The idea that cooked mus-cles of factory-reared animals will provide a healthy bloodstream does not make sense to me.

Rightly or wrongly, I no longer drink cow's milk, but soya milk instead. French butter does occasionally tempt me, but at least most French cows are allowed to live in fields.

As for the farmers' views in an accompanying article that "the farming revolution has done far more good than harm". I would rejoin that people may now live longer, but question just how healthy they are.

Cruelty to animals is often ignored, provided profits are to be had from ex-

Sir, What Patrick Seale (letter, April

27) leaves out of his anti-Israeli tirade

is a simple fact: since the founding of

Israel the Arab countries surrounding it (now joined by Iran) have directed

their best efforts toward the genocidal

With Anwar Sadat leading the way,

a few, a very few, of the leaders

among Arabs have been brought to

see that this is a stupid, futile, and

often lethal enterprise. I stress the

ploiting them, regardless of disease and degeneration, as eloquently explained by Juliet Gellatley in her piece on broiler houses.

Meat-eating has had its day. The planet could perhaps sustain over six billion inhabitants on a vegan diet, far more than its present population many of whom starve with 30 per cent of what they consume coming from animal sources.

IAN STIRLING. 32 Powis Gardens, NWII. May i.

From Lord Elliott of Morpeth

Sir. Having read your disturbing article, "Scenes of the slaughter", April 29), may I make the following points?

I very much hope that the slaughterman filmed torturing a sow, before inadequately dispatching it, has been identified and at the very least severely reprimanded.

Secondly, the report of a consignment of lambs arriving at the same slaughterhouse and having their throats cut without being stunned, is surely a contravention of existent law. I hope action has been taken on this.

Reports of cruelty in abattoirs abroad have often been publicised. It is deplorable to learn of such occurrences in a British abattoir.

Slaughtering should be as humane as possible and certainly carried out according to existent law.

Yours faithfully, ELLIOTT (Chairman, Select Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1980-83)), House of Lords.

Search for peace in the Middle East

From Mr David Leigh

Sir, You report (May I) that the Israeli Government is considering overtures made to it by Hezbollah which imply that the Islamic militants will recog-nise Israel in return for an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

It is anathema to the vast majority of nation states that they should make concessions in terms of security in order merely to achieve recognition (whatever that may, in fact, mean). However, the fact that Israel finds itself forced to contemplate such action indicates the lengths to which Shimon Peres will go to attain a peaceful settlement. It also indicates that all those purporting to aspire to a peaceful Middle East should support him in

the forthcoming election. Yours faithfully. DAVID LEIGH, 65 Eton Avenue, NW3.

destruction of Israel.

From Mr Herb Greer

word "leaders" because that insight has dawned on so few among the non-Israeli populations of the region. And leaders in the Arab world, as we have seen in the decades since 1948, are dangerously disposable. Yours.

HERB GREER, 124 Fog Lane. Didsbury, Manchester 20. April 27.

Openness on defence

From Rear-Admiral J. P. W. Middleton

Sir, The RAF is to leave Germany (reports, May 2). No great concern there, except surprise at the funereal pace of the drumbeat of retreat. What vital task will the RAF undertake in Germany for the next six years that suddenly evaporates in 2002?

What is of concern, however, is the optimistic atmosphere that accompanies each and every announcement of yet another in the continuous sequence of death by a thousand cuts. The Ministry of Defence's bland reassurances may pacify elements of the electorate, but they certainly do not reflect the views of the majority of ser-

vicemen. Some retired officers do their best to articulate warnings but, in the absence of an effective briefing system, they can seldom deploy all the rele-

vant arguments with sufficient force to frighten the horses; and they may, sometimes legitimately, be dismissed as "yesterday's men". A clear priority in these days of

more open government is to scrap the archaic gagging order which prevents serving officers from communicating with the media on matters of defence policy. It is unsatisfactory for the MoD to shelter behind the Official Secrets Act and, uniquely, to deny its expert practitioners the chance to speak up.

Only when the MoD's cheery spindoctors are supplemented by the clearer, truer and less comfortable views of serving officers will the nation begin to learn of the Armed Forces' real state and direction.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK MIDDLETON, Manora, Chilmark, Wiltshire. May 2.

Youth violence

From Professor R. T. D. Oliver,

Sir, With the advertisements for the film Barb Wire, with Baywatch star Pamela Anderson Lee being used to brainwash society with Hollywood's obsession that women should behave like men and use guns and killing as a solution to all perceived unfairness, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised by the events that led to the death of a 13year-old schoolgirl in Corby recently (reports, May 1, 2).

Yours sincerely, TIM OLIVER 86 Cambridge Gardens, W10.

From Mr H. J. Baker

Sir, For many years films and television have featured violent fights in which the participants apparently suffer only slight and temporary damage. Moreover many computer games, with which it seems a large number of children are obsessed, contain extreme violence which affects the victims not a whit.

It is not surprising therefore that many children seem to be unaware of the possible effects of violence in real life. We cannot turn back the clock; but may we hope that parents and schools will now take the necessary action to educate children about the likely results of violent attack.

Yours faithfully, H. J. BAKER. 8 Grovelands. Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

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Voice of the governed

From Mr Bene't Steinberg Sir, Jeremy Paxman's article ("Roy's terrier tendency", Media, May 1), whilst characteristically arrogant,

contained much good sense. However, he identified an underlying flaw in his approach, a flaw which informs the majority of the interviewing class and which is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of demo-

cracy and the role of media. Mr Paxman writes: "They [politicians speak for governors and the would-be governors, while we ljournalists] ought to speak for the gov-

When I studied politics at Lancaster University it was generally accepted that, in a democracy, politicians seek to speak for the governed. Their legitimacy derives from the fact that people

vote for them. The role of the media. I suggest, is to elicit from politicians precisely how their individual actions are intended to give substance to the voice of the governed.

A variety of styles can be used, amongst them the rottweiler tendency evinced by Mr Paxman. It is, of course, a more difficult job to question a political party devoted to clouds of obfuscation than to act as an Opposition oneself.

Yours sincerely, BENET STEINBERG (Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Poplar and Canning Town), 5 Knighton Road, Forest Cate, E7. May 2

Churches' destruction

From Mr John Jolliffe

Sir, Like many misguided and destructive people, the iconoclasts of the Civil War (letters, April 20 and 27) were at least painfully sincere, unlike the hitmen of Henry VIII a century earlier. Nor did they destroy whole churches.

By contrast, Edward Seymour, Protector and Duke of Somerset from 1547 to 1552, not only stole and pulled down the London houses of three bishops in order to glorify himself by building Somerset House: he also pulled down St John's, Smithfield: Barking Chapel, near the Tower, the college church of St Martin-le-Grand; St Ewan's, Newgate; and the parish

church of St Nicholas. The Protector also ordered the demolition of St Margaret's, Westmin-ster; but when the work began the parishioners attacked the workmen with bows and arrows and clubs, and the workmen all ran away. Having brought his own brother to the block in 1549, Somerset was himself execut-

The iconoclasts were luckier, and died in their beds. But the harm they did was irreparable.

Yours faithfully, JOHN JOLLIFFE.

Church House, Chesterblade, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

Real hymns

From the Reverend Dr Ian Bradley Sir, David Wright is not the first per-

son to propose a campaign for real hymns (report, April 22). I launched a similar crusade three years ago with the acronym CATCH (Campaign for Traditional Church Hymns). There is also a group based in Sheffield who go by the name of SERAPH (The Society for the Encouragement, Recital and Appreciation of Proper Hymns). Per-

haps we should amalgamate.

Meanwhile, to Mr Wright I say, or rather sing: Courage, brother, do not stumble; say not "the struggle nought availeth"; and, above all, fight the good fight.

Yours etc. IAN BRADLEY, University of Aberdeen. Department of Theology and Church History, King's College, Old Aberdeen. April 24

Brought to book

From Professor Denis Stevens

Sir, Requiring a brief extension to my reader's ticket, i (75) was ordered by the Punishment Department of the British Library to walk half a mile to a remote kiosk, which took four bad photographs and 2½ pounds sterling. Mercifully it was not pouring with rain. When I returned, the PD used only two of the photos, thus wasting

It seems to me that if an official body demands a photograph, a suitable apparatus must be provided under its own roof. The Bodleian Library in Oxford does so. In case your readers consider this an isolated case, they may be interested to know that similar treatment was meted out to a lady reader who shared my objection and pointed out that we had both been obliged to waste half an afternoon, as

well as lose a quarter of a fiver. Shame on the British Library, once a happy haven of help for scholars.

Yours &c. DENIS STEVENS. The Quadrangle. Morden College, Blackheath, SE3.

May 2.



COURT CIRCULAR

afternoon opened the Grampian

Police Force Control Room, Oueen

Street, Aberdeen, and was received

by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

of the City of Aberdeen (Mrs

Margaret Farquhar, the Lord

May 3: Queen Elizabeth.The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief,

ist The Queen's Dragoon Guards,

this morning presented, on behalf of The Queen, a new Standard to the Regiment at Clarence

Her Majesty was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Officers of the Regiment at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset Sir

Alastair Aird and Major Colin

May 3: The Prince of Wales was

represented by Mr John James (Secretary of the Duchy of Com-

wall) at the Funeral of Mr Victor Jackson which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester, Dor-

Burgess were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

set, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 3: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Hereford Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne) and the Mayor of Hereford (Mr

George Hyde). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Herelord Cathedral Cloisters and were received by the Dean of Hereford (the Very Reverend Robert Willis) and the Bishop of Hereford (the Right Reverend John Oliver).

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, opened the new Library Building and viewed the Mappa Mundi and the Chained Library.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Service of Dedication in the Cathedral. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh later attended a Lun-cheon given by the Mayor of Hereford in the Town Hall.

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Service dinners The Prince of Wales's Own

Stationers and Regiment of Yorkshire Major-General A.B. Crowfool. Colonel of The Prince of Wales's Newspaper Makers At a dinner held on Thursday. May 2. at Stationers' Hall to Own Regiment of Yorkshire, pre sided at a regimental dinner held commemorate the 439th anniverlast night at the Stakis Hotel, York. sary of the granting of the Company's Charter, Mr Paul Stuart Royal Artillery Council of Scotland received an award from the Major-General M.C.M. Steele Company's Educational Charity Regimental Controller, and Mrs Steele, and Brigadier M.E.L. and Miss Tracey Bush and Miss Tina Spear the Francis Mathew Jamieson, Commander 51st (High-

Stationers' Company Scholar-ships. The speakers were Lord land) Brigade, and Mrs Jamieson, were the principal guests at a ladies' night dinner of the Royal Wakeham. Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, Mr Artillery Council of Scotland held last night, after the spring meeting, Dugal Nisbet-Smith, Director, Newspaper Society, and Mr Alder-man Clive Martin, The Master, at the Territorial Army Centre, Arbroath, Colonel J.G. Mathieson Mr Alan Brooker, presided.

Dinner

legal appointments Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Gregory Faulkner to be High Commissioner -to Trinidad and the Lady Mayoress and the Sher-Tobago in succession to Mr Richiffs and their Ladies, was a speaker ard Neilson who is retiring from at the annual livery dinner of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held last night Mr Albert Paul Powell to be a District Judge on the North East-ern Circuit, from May 7. at the Mansion House. Mr Clifford Grinsted, Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided. The Senior Mr David Dand McEvoy, QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Midland and Oxford Circuit. Warden and General Paul A. Rader. Salvation Army, also spoke.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Frith Banbury. theatrical director, 84: the Rev Professor C.K. Barrett, theologian 79: Mr Michael Barrymore, entermainer, 44; Miss Joyce Blow, chair-man, Authority of the Direct Marketing Association, 67; the Right Rev D. Farmbrough, former Bishop of Bedford, 67; Sir Stephen Hastings, former MP, 75; Sir David Hildyard, diplomat, 80; Mr Richard Hill, rugby player, 35; Mrs Jane Kennedy, MP, 38; the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, 53; Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of council, British Medical Association, 64; Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers, 84; Professor Marisa Robles, harpist, 59; Mr Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, conductor, 65; Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 57; Mr Alexander Schouvaloff, former curator, Theatre Museum, 62 Professor Robin Sibson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury, 52; Sir Nor-man Siddall, mining engineer, 78; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, 70; Mr Eric Sykes, comedian, 73; Miss Gillian Tindall, novelist and historian, 58; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 50; Professor Basil Yamey,

economist, 77. TOMORROW: Sir Michael Angus, chairman, Whitbread, 66; Mr V.S. Anthony, Secretary, The Headmasters' and Head-mistresses' Conference, 58; Mrs E.M. Conran, curator, Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, 57; Mrs Jean Corston, MP, 54; Sir Alan Donald, diplomat, 65; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, former MP. 82; Mrs Joanna Foster, director. The BT Forum, 57; Sir Victor Garland, Australian diplomat, 62; General Sir Charles Harington, Serial Sir Charles Harrington, 86; Dr John Havand, former secretary, BMA, 72; Sir Brian Hayes, civil servant, 67; Mr John Maxton, MP, 60; Mr Michael Palin, writer and actor, 53; Lady Plowden, former chairman, IBA, 86; Mr Barry Reed, chairman, Austin Reed Group, 65; Mr Roger Rees, actor, 52; Mr A.J.O. Ritchie, former chairman, Grindlays Bank, 68; Mrs Anna Walker, deputy director general, Oftel, 45: Professor Sir Glanmor Williams,

The Middlesex Regiment (DCO)

historian, 76; Miss Tammy Wynette, country music singer, 54;

Mr Gerard Young, former Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, 86.

The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) will hold its Annual Regimental Remembrance Service in the Regimental Chapel. St Paul's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday, May II, 1996, to remember all Die Hards who have made the supreme sacrifice.



John Paul Getty Jnr, the American billionaire, in Hereford yesterday where he greeted the Queen when she viewed the new home of the Mappa Mundi, the 13th-century map of the then known world. Mr Getty gave £1 million to keep the map in Britain

Church news

Canon John Garton, Vicar, Cuddesdon and Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, diocese of Oxford, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Plymouth, diocese Exeter, succeeding the Right Rev Richard Hawkins, Suffragan Bishop designate of Crediton, same diocese. The Venerable John Packer, Archdeacon of West Cumberland, di-ocese of Carlisle, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warrington, diocese Liverpool, succeeding the Right Rev Michael Henshall who retires in October.

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Canon Anthony Priddis, Rector of Amersham w Coleshill, diocese of Oxford, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, diocese Coventry, succeeding the Right Rev Clive Handford, Bishop designate of Cyprus and The Gulf.

The Rev David Williams, Priest-incharge, Rochford, St Andrew: to be also Rural Dean of Rochford (Chelmsford). The Rev Timothy Wright, Assis-

tant Curate, St Luke's, Eccleshill (Bradford): to be Team Vicar, All Saints', Southend Team Ministry

Resignations and cetivements The Rev John Scarth, Rector, St Philip and St James, Tarrington: St Mary, Stoke Edith; Aylton/St Andrew, Pixley; St Bartholmew, Munsley: St John the Baptist. Putley; St John the Baptist, Yarkhill (Hereford): to retire June

The Rev John Walker, Priest-incharge. Dunnington, and part-time Training Officer (York): has resigned as Training Officer, and is now working full-time as Priest-in-charge, Dunnington.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor The Rev John Powell, Vicar of the Rectorial Benefice of Llandudno, to be Vicar of Dwygyfylchi (Pen-

Weekend anniversaries

BIRTHS: Bartolommeo Cristofari. pioneer of piano making. Padua. 1655; Sir Thomas Lawrence, President of the Royal Academy 1820-30. Bristol. 1769: Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist. London. 1825: John Speke, explorer, Ilminster, 1827; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plas-

DEATHS: Edward. Prince of Wales, murdered. Tewkesbury. 1471; Sir Robert Ker Porter, painter and traveller, St Petersburg, 1842; William Froude, naval architect. Simonstown, Cape Colony, 1879; Georges Enesco, violinist and composer, Paris, 1955; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, Florence, 1969; Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia 1953-80, 1980: Diana Dors,

tic surgeon, Dunedin, New Zea-

actress, Windsor, 1984. The first Derby was run at Epsom and won by Charles Bunbury's Diomed, 1780.

The Maori uprising against the British began in New Zealand. The TUC called the first General Strike in British history, 1926.

Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman Prime Minister. TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Louis Hachette, pub-lisher, Rethel, France, 1800; Soren Kierkegaard, philosopher. Copen-hagen, 1813; Karl Marx, social, political and economic theorist, Trier, Germany, 1818; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Luków. Poland. 1846; Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell. Field Marshal, Viceroy of India 1943-47, Colchester, 1883: Geoffrey Fisher, Baron Fisher of Lambeth Archbishop of Canterbury 1945-61, Higham-on-the-Hill, Warwick-shire, 1887; John Fergusson Rox-burgh, founder and headmaster of ve, Edinburgh, 1888; Sir Gordon Richards, jockey. Oakengates, Shropshire, 1904; Tyrone Power, actor, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1914. DEATHS: Samuel Cooper, min-

iaturist, London, 1672: Laurence Shirley, 4th Earl Ferrers, mur-derer, executed, London, 1760; Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France, St. Helena, 1821; James Grant, novelist, London, 1887; Bret Harte, writer, London, 1902; Ludwig Erhard, Chancellor of the deral Republic of Germany 1963-66, Bonn, 1977.

Italian troops occupied Addis Ababa, ending the Ethiopian war.

Rioting French students, led by Daniel Cohn-Bendit, erected bar-ricades and clashed with police in Paris, 1968. SAS troops stormed the Iranian embassy in London to break a terrorist siege and free 19 hostages,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Baker

and Miss J.A. Reuben The engagement is announced between Philip Anthony, son of Mrs Vivienne Baker and Mr Anthony Baker, of London, and Jennifer Anne, daughter of Peter and Patricia Reuben, of Sydney. Australia.

Mr SJ. Bowden and Miss E.A. Ault The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Bowden, of Emsworth, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Ault, of Hayling Island.

Hampshire. Dr A.M.S. Chesser and Dr R.M. Barker

The engagement is announced between Alistair, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Chesser, of Sutton. Surrey, and Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Barker, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr J.M. Karbowiak and Miss A.J. Ward

Mr and Mrs H.C. Ward. of Hertford, Hertfordshire, are delighted to announce the engage-ment of their elder daughter. Alison, to James, youngest son of Professor and Mrs A.E. Karbowiak, of Sydney, Australia. Mr M.R. Lorimer

and Miss C.L. Newman The forthcoming marriage is an-nounced and will take place on Saturday, May II, at 2pm, at St Margaret's Church, Isfield, Sus-sex, between Mark Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Paul Lorimer, ise, daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Newman, of Graywood, Sussex. Mr J.D. Pickering and Miss G.S. Nesbitt The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs David Pickering, of Chadderton, Greater Manchester. and Gillian, daughter of Mrs Shirley Nesbitt and the late Mr Athol Nesbitt, of Silverstream. Wellington, New Zealand.

and Miss P. Perez John and Anna Morrell are

delighted to announce the engagement of their son, Rupert, to Paloma, daughter of Oria and

Rafael Perez, of Madrid. Mr J. Stanbridge

and Miss D.C. Jarvis The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs Shirley Stanbridge, of Calne, Willshire and Deborah Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Jarvis, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr D.W.M. Turnock and Miss K.N. Morland

The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr William Turnock, of Stopham, West Sussex, and Mrs Joseph Markowitz, of Neshanic, New Jersey, and Narasha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Morland. of Leicombe Regis, Oxfordshire. Mr D. Waring and Miss C.R. Palmer

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Waring, of Norwich. Norfolk. and Clare Rose-mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Laurence Palmer, of Epsom. Mr J.R.W. Young and Miss F.E. Webster The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and

Mrs J.B. Young of Castletown, isle of Man, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mrs Joan Webster and the late Mr S.C. Webster, of Creat

Marriage

Mr A.M. Brandon Brave and Miss L. Woolgar The marriage took place on May 3, at Crowborough, Sussex, between Andrew Max Brandon-Bravo, only son of Mr and Mrs Gerald P. Brandon-Bravo, of Heilingly, Sus-sex, and Lindsey Woolgar, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Woolgar, of Framfield, Sussex

Latest wills

Baron McFadzean, of Box. Wiltshire, formerly of Bath, Avon, chairman of BICC, 1954-73, and deputy chairman of Midland Bank, 1968-77, left estate in England and Wales valued at £408,354 net. Doris Kathleen Fisher.

Throapham. South Yorkshire, left estate valued at £517.337 net. Other estates include that before

Mrs Veronica Lily Reeve, of Bury

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8,5,15 LM; 10,20 MP; 11 HM, Missa brevis in D (Mozarti, Rev I Davies; 6 E&B, Jackson in G, The Vicar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B.

St Edmunds, Suffolk£615.799 Mrs Faith Penfold Sick, of Sevenoaks, Kent.....£599.468 Daphne Kathleen Mary Kirkpatrick, of Yately, Hampshire £738.042

Mary Patricia Mctville, of London Barbara Mary Neale, of Halsall, Lancashire... E586,007 Mr Phillip Bruce Gray, of London Mrs Margaret May Pearce, of Lymington, Hampshire £1,510,335

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Memorial services

Lady Miriam Hubbard

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the Diplomatic Service.

The Oueen was represented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk at a memorial service held yesterday in St Edmundsbury Cathedrai, Bury St Edmunds, to celebrate the life of Lady Miriam Hubbard.

The Very Rev James Atwell. Provost of St Edmundsbury, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Peter Smith, Roman Catholic

Sister Julian, RA, of the Hengrave Hall Community, Pather Tom Murray, of St Edmunds Roman Catholic Church, Canon Richard Norburn, of St Nicholas Hospice, and Sister Helena. SSL, of the St Louis Family Foundation, said prayers.

Mr Richard Toft. Chief Exec-

utive of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, read the lesson and the Rev John Stroud, chaplain of the hospice, read from the works of Mother Teresa Miss Olivia Llewellyn, granddaugher, read the

Mr John Drury, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and Administrator of Norwich Roman Catholic Cathedrai, gave an address.
The Right Rev John Dennis,

Bishop of St Edmundsbury and lpswich, pronounced the blessing. Among those present were Members of the family, the Mayor of St Edmundsbury with members of the council; and representatives of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Moreton Hall School, the NSPCC. the Co-workers of Mother Teresa, the Suffolk Health Authority, the West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust, the Mid-Anglia Community Health NHS Trust, Riding for the Disabled.

Mr Neville French A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Neville Arthur Irwin French, former Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Falkland Islands and High Commissioner, British Antarctic Territory, was held yesterday at St Mary's, South Oliver officiated, Mr Richard Young, son-in-law, read the lesson and Mr Christopher French, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Patrick

Duff gave an address. Canon Peter Gillingham
A memorial service for Canon
Peter Gillingham, a former Chap-lain to the Queen, was held
yesterday at the Parish Church, Causeway, Horsham. Canon Derek Tansill officiated and the Rev Michael Cochrane and the

Dr John Dew, brother-in-law, and Ms Mary Gillingham, daughter read the lessons. The Rev Bruce Gillingham, son, gave an

The Rev Dr Newell Walibank A memorial service for the Rev Dr Newell Wallbank was held yesterday at St Bartholomew-the Great, West Smithfield. Dr Martin Dudley officiated and Mr Benedict Wallbank, son read the lesson, Dr. Andrew Morris, Mr Peregrine Palmer and Mrs Wallbank.

Fourth Sunday after Easter BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 S Euch. Nicholson in G. The Lord is my shepherd (Lloyd Webber); 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in B fiat, Jubilate in C (Britten).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP: 9.15
HC; 11 Choral Euch, Stainer in A. Sing
joyfully (Byrd), Let all mortal flesh (Baitstow),
Rev D Lee; 4 Choral E, Collegium Regale
(Howells), Christ is risen (Byrd). BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Leighton in D, Oculi omnium (Wood), Canon J Simpson; 3.30 Choral E. Howells in G, They that go down (Sumsion), Canon P Johnson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 9.30 M, RI REV DY'S STANCILITE, 11 S EUCH, MISSA Brevis (Marrin), Sarris solemnilis (Fenioni, Rev Dy'M Chandler; 3,15 E. Sixth Service (Weelkes), Angelus Domini (Casciolini); 6,30 Compline, Rev Dy'M Chandler.

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CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL! 7.30 MP; 8 HC;
9.30 Euch & Parade, Canon B Thompson;
11.15 S Euch, Mass in F (Wood), Open thy
gazes (Harrison). The Archdeacon of
Colchester: 6 Choral E, The Jesus Service
(Mathias), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré).
CHESTER CATHEDRAL! 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10
Choral Euch, John Rutter in D, Rise up my
iove (H Wilan); 11.30 Choral M, Te Deum
(Elgar in F), Jubilane, Canon M Rees; 3.30
Choral E, Christ rising again (J Amnen,
Cesar's Service (J Amner), Rise Heart thy Lord
is risen (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 E, Canon M
Rees.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 M. Ireland In C. Come my way (Vaughan Williams), Ven C Pinder; 11 S Euch, Darke In A minor, Come my way (Cooper). The Chancellori: 3.30 E. SI Paul's Service (Howells), Tis the day (Wood).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC: 10 M & Sermon, Short Service (Byrd). The Archdescon; 11.15 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Stout cervus (Palestrina), Canon Peirce; 6 E & College Prayers, Murrill In E, My beloved spake (Hadley).

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, 8
Communion: 10.30 Euch, Spohr Mass
(Mozzıt). He is the way (Ridout), Rev C
Kennedy, 5.30 E. He is the way (Ridout), Verse
Service (Heath), Christ is risen (Sjolund). Service (Heath), Christ is risen Sjoiund).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D

Brown; 10 M. The Short Service (Glbbons).

Sunrising (Casken), Canon R Coppin; 11.73

HC. Sumsion in F. Ave verum corpus [Elgar).

The Dean; 3.30 E. Magnificat (Swayne), Nunc
dimitus (Holsi), Rise heart thy Lord is risen
(Yaughan Williams).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch.

Missa brevis (Berkeley). Jubilate in E flat (Britten), Canon Green; 3.45 E. Services on Pialnsong mnes (Wills), O praise God (Wills), Guntage God (Wills), O praise God (Wills), Guntage God (Wills), Schoffield; 9.45 S. Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozzir), Christ being raised from the dead (Mooret, Rev H Sasser, The Sub-Dean; 11.15 M. Jubilste in C (Stanford), My beloved spake (Hadley), The Dean; 6:30 E. Bair in B minor, Let their celestial concerts (Handel), Canon D

EFICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; 10.30 Each, How, Holy is the true light (Harris), The Archdeacon: 4 Choral E. Wood in E. Flat, Hallelujah Amen (Judas Maccabaeus) (Handel), The Provost. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Haec dies

quarn (ecit Dominus (Bryd). O sacrum convivium (Tailis). The Chancelior, 3.30 E. Christian Aid anniversary, Sianlord in C. How beauteous are their feet (Stanford), Rev M Taylor. LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.40 L; 8,12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Credo Sancrus Benerichte 9.50 S Euch, Credo Sancius Benedicius (Merbecke), Gloria (Sarum Mass) (Leighnon), The Chancellor, 11.15 M, Marshall in Eminor, Come my way my ruth my life (Yanghan Williams), The Subdean: 3.45 E. Collegium regale (Wood), Christus vincit (Mawny).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Battle of the Adantic Service, The Bishop of Sherborne; 3 Choral E, Canon M Boyling; 4

HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MF: 9
HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum
est regnum (Vittoria). The Desu; 6.30 E.
Noble in 8 minor, Rise heart thy Lord is risen
(Vaughan Williams). Canon A Radeliffe.
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30
Pamily Buch, O God my heart is ready (S
Lindley, 6.30 E, Wood in D, Greater love
(tretand).

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M. Te Deum (Britten In C). Up up my heart (Bach): 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sanci Nicolai (Haydn). Canon R Lumnon: 3.15 E. Up up my heart (Bach). Purcell in E minor. Death and darkness get you packing (Ferguson), Hilton (Amen). Phymouth Suite (Whitlock). Ameri, Pyroudit Suice (Williams)

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 MP;
10.30 S Euch, Mass in Four Parts (Byrd),
Locus Iste (Bruckner), The Provost: 2
Housebound Euch; 6.30 Festal E & Sermon,
Bairstow in D, Blessed City (Bairstow), Rev P
Hacking.

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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria). My beloved spake (Hadley), Bear quorum via (Stanford), Rev R White; 3 Choral E. Bialr to B minor, Hail gladdening light

(Wood), Rev G Swinton; 6.30 Book of Common Prayer (1662) Choral Euch. Stanford in C. The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley), Soul of Christ (Vann), Rev A Nunn. (Wessey), Soul of Ciris (Vann), Rev A Nunn. BOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C. The Provost: 11 M, Harwood in A flat, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss). The Chancellor: 3.15 E, Stanford in C. Great is the Lord (Elgas); 6.30 Coal Industry. Very Rev B Lowers.

Church services tomorrow

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Chancellor: 10 S Euch. Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Speak O Lord (Jacobs), The Dean; 6 E. Dyson in D, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Canon R Maynard. WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch. Darke in E. Here O my Lord, 1 see thee (Whitlock), Very Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M, Britten

Darks in E. Hers O my Lord, I see thee Whitlock, Very Rev R Lewis; II.30 M, Britten in C. We wait for thy loving kindness O God (McKle): 3 E. Whitlock in D. Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Preb C Tookey; S Wessex Walks Service.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Te Deum (Stanford in C, Since by man came death (Handel), Rev A Kasibante; II.15 Such, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Most glorious Lord of life (Harris), God be in my head (Radcliffe), Rev J Goodall; 3 E. Westminster Service (Howells), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Canon A Harvey; 5.45 Organ: 6.30 Evening, Canon D Gray,
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12 noon.5.30.7 Masses: 10 MP; 10.30 Vidi aquam (Piainsong), Missa Salve intemerata Virgo (Tallis), Regina caeli laetare (Guerrero); 3.30 Solemn V&B. Magnificat tertii tori (Victoria), O sacrum convivum (Guerrero); 4.30 Recital

Jab Solemin Ved., magniness celli comparation (Victoria). O sacrum convivum (Guerren): 4.30 Recital YORK MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC: 9.30 M; 10 S Euch. Mass for five voices (Byrd). Tantum ergo (Durufic), the Most Rev R Holloway: 11.30 S Euch. Jackson in G. Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow), Rev Dr J Toy. ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL. Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch & Baptism, Collegium Regale (Howells), Ubl cartias (Durufic), The Dan; 3.30 Choral E. Collegium Regale (Howells), Like as the hart (Howells)
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Southwark: 8,10,6 LM: 11.30 Solemn M, Spatten Mass (Mozard, Regina Coeli (Lotti), Rev J Pannett. ST GILES' CATHEDRAL. Edinburgh: 8, 10 Morning HC, Glora in Excessis (Schubert), The Minister: 11.30 Morning. The heavens are telling (Haydn): 6 St Glies at Stx, recital: 8 Evening, Rev D Robertson.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL London: 8 HC: 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Mass in E minor (Bruckner), Jubiate Deo In B (lat (Walton), Jesus is this dark world's light (Bach), Rev M Saward: 3.15 E, Ireland in F, Lo the full final sacrifice (Finzi), Rev E Simmons.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdas. W8:11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MOTHING SERVICE & H.C. RY DIG SERVICE
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL
(Methodist), SW1: 11. Rev M Benton; 6.30 HC,
Rev Dr R Globons.
ST ALBAN'S CONTINUING CHURCH OF
ENGLAND. Chatham, Kent 9.45 MP. 10.30 S
Mass and Sermon.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC: 7 Choral Mass, Missa Super Choral "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (Zachow), Rev P Schmlege. Todesbanden (Zachow), Rev P Schmlege, ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC: 11 Procession & Choral Euch, Missa nigra sum (Palestrina), Nigra sum sed formosa (Lheritier), Salve regina (Victoria), The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, ECI: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Walton), Jesu the very thought (Bairstow), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis (Goodall), Lzudate Dominum (Mozari). Canon J Otates.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Coodall, Laudate Dominum (Mozani. Canon J Ostes.
ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Pont Street, SWI: 11 Baptisms, Rev C MacLeod: 6.30 Rev W Caims.
ST JAMES'S, Garfickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch (1662), John Paul, Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Sasses: Gardens, W2: 8 Euch: 10.30 S Euch, Missa Simile Est (Guerrero), Ego Sum Panis Vivus (Byrd), Rev A Meldrum: 6 Choral E, Short Service (Weelkes), Jesus Junxit se (Palestrina), AT JAMES'S, Plocadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Rev S Cathle; 5.45 EP.
ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family, Toccata (Dubois), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP & Praise, Rev D Horn.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsen. 5W3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev D Watson: 6.30 EP. ST MARRS, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Laudate Dominum (Pitool), Rev A Shaw. Rev | Davies; 6 E&B, Jackson in G, The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Piace, WI: 9
Communion; II Rev R Tice: 6.30 Canon G
Bridger.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 11
Missa dixit Maria (Hasieri, Jubilate Deo
(Mozari), Surge illuminare (Byrd).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12,15 HC:
10 Children: 11 Parish C, Rev Dr P Elvy; 6 E,
Rev Dr P Elvy. ST MARGARETS. Westminster, SWI: 1| S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms). The ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8.12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford: 9.45 Euch, The Vicar, 11.30 Visitors, Rev B Schunemann: 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee: 5 Choral E; 6.30 E, The Vicar. FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Jubilate Deo (Bouzignaci, Mass of St Clare (Refice), Ave Mana (Saint Saens), Fr J Dooley.

THE PARTY THE VIRGIN. Primrose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Byrd for five voices, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev L van der Pump: 6 Choral E. Stanford in A. Declare Hir honour (Purcell).

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ST MARYLEBONE, Merylebone Road, W1: 8
HC: 11 Choral Euch, Missa in Honorem Sanctissimi Cordis Jesu (Ebner), Jubilate (Tyler), Rev P Wells: 6.30 Ministry of Healing. Rev P Vannozzi.

ST STEPHENS. Gloucester Road. SW7: 9 LM:
11 HM, Orgel Solo-Messe KV 259 (Mozari).
Since by man came death (Handel) CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Canon

II.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Canon A Craig.
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Rmile Habibi, Israeli Arab writer and politician, died in Nazareth on May Zaged 73. He was born in Haifa on August 29, 1922.

A MEMBER for 20 years of Israel's Knesset (partiament) and a renowned writer in Arabic, Emile Habibi was characteristic of those Palestinian citizens of Israel who stood for coexistence. In a climate where the life of a Palestinian refugee or exile often seemed to have greater moral allure, the course followed by men like Habibi

was a difficult one to pursue.

How difficult it could be was never more starkly demonstrated than it was when Habibi received the Israel Prize for Literature in 1992. The prize-giving ceremony in Jerusalem was interrupt ed by Dr Yuval Neeman, physicist and right-wing Israeli pelitical leader, who compared Habibi's work to that of "Nazis" (an irony in view of the fact that Habibi was a founder of the Israel Communist Party). Meanwhile Habibi's fellow Arabs felt that to accept a prize from the "old enemy" was a al of his people. Moderate

opinion thought it was totally inappropriate that a man who had only two years before, accepted a prize from the PLO leader Yassir Arafat should now be given Israel's top honour. And when Habibi sought to balance these conflicting opinions by amouncing that he would donate his £5,000 prize to medical care for Palestinians wounded by the Israeli Army, he was execrated afresh by Israel's Education Ministry which had approved his award in the first place.

Long before then Habibi had become deeply versed in the politics of the no win situation. He was a Christian as well as an Arab. He had stood for non-violence throughout the period, from the 1948 establishment of the Israeli State onwards, when a violent resolution of the region's problems seemed to many potential combatants on both sides to be the only honourable olution. He engaged in Knesset litics when it was thought more ashionable to be shouldering an AK47 in the deserts beyond Israel's borders. He wrote with sympathy and humour about topics which were held by both sides to be matters on which no understanding could — or ought to be reached.

Emile Habibi became immersed in his two passions - literature and politics — at an early age. As a young teenager brought up in the port of Haifa and seeking to pass the time during the lengthy general strikes led by Palestinian Arabs in the mid-

EMILE HABIBI



1930s, he would often go to the cosmopolitan lending library run by the father of one of his friends. There he avidly read the works of Jules Verne, Emile Zola, Victor Hugo and others. At other times, he attended meetings of an underground Communist cell where one of his several brothers was already an active member

In 1939, after completing his high-school education, Habibi worked as a labourer helping to build the breakwa-ter at Haifa port, and later as a clerk at the Haifa oil refineries. At the same time he took a London University correspondence course in petroleum engineering. He began writing in 1942. while working as a broadcaster with an Arab radio station operating under

the British Mandate, in charge of the cultural programming for the station. By 1940 he was already active in politics, helping to found the short-

lived League for National Liberation. and joining the Palestinian Communist Party. After the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, he played a leading role in promoting the emergence of the joint Jewish and Arab Israel Communist Party. He was eventually to serve as a Communist member of Israel's Knesset from 1952 until 1972. He also helped to establish and, later, edited the party newspaper Al Ittihad for more than 30 years.

In 1977 Habibi moved to Prague to work on an international Communist publication. During his three years there he established close contacts with

Yassir Arafat and leading members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Habibi eventually left the Communist Party in 1991, following numerous disputes with his fellow members, who refused to adopt the more liberal perestroika attitudes of Mikhail Gorbachev.

But long before then he had become more increasingly committed to his literary work. "Habibi was among the last of the Romanties, those who believed in the power of art to change the world," said one acquaintance. Habibi's writings blended the classical Arab literary style, Palestinian slang and the journalese of which he was also a master.

His work includes plays and short stories as well as several novels. The most renowned of the last group is the novel Strange Events in the Disappearance of Said Abu al-Nahs al-Mutashael (1974), or The Opsimist, a word Habibi coined to describe the polar dilemmas of optimism and pessimism in the Israeli Arab trying to survive in the Jewish State while struggling to preserve his Arab identity. The novel has been translated into more than a dozen languages fincluding a Hebrew version) and produced as a stage play in both Arabic and

When Habibi was awarded the Israel Prize for Literature in 1992, he at first hesitated about accepting, knowing how great a storm of controversy such an action was bound to provoke all over the Middle East. However, he said, he had received encouragement from both Jewish and Arab friends, among them Yassir Arafat himself. After the presentation ceremony. which was attended by both the President and Prime Minister of Israel. Habibi said that he felt at first "as if I was carrying the full weight of the Palestinian people's tragedy on my shoulders. But when I shook the hand of [then] Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, I felt a feeling of victory."

But his acceptance of both Palestinian and Israeli awards was in keeping with the lifelong ideals of a man who had consistently championed peaceful co-existence between Arab and Jew and a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Emile Habibi's last wish was to be buried in the Christian cemetery in Haifa, and to have the words "Remains in Haifa" inscribed on his tombstone. The epitaph summed up the dilemmas and dreams of the Palestinian Arabs who are also Israeli citizens. Emile Habibi is survived by his wife

Nada, a son and two daughters. for £350,000.

PETER SWALES

Peter Swales, formerly chairman of Manchester City Football Club and an ex-chairman of the Football Association's international committee died on May 2 after a heart attack aged 63. He was born on Christmas Day, 1932.

PETER SWALES was one of the English game's more influential administrators. A clever operator in the Football Association's corridors, and a genial figure who was popular with the press, he nevertheless saw his career eventually fall apart. This was particularly true of his record as a club chairman, where his hasty and often fickle judgments often let him down. He appointed 11 managers, sacking almost all of them, in his 20 years as Manchester City's chairman

When he took over in 1973. City were in the ascendancy in Manchester, and poised to become one of the leading clubs in the country. By the time he was hounded from his post by supporters' protests in February 1994, City were barely visible in the shadow cast by their powerful neighbours. and in grave danger, by no means yet averted, of being permanent also-rans. Swales's record as chair-

man of the Football Association's international committee was also less than an unqualified success. He inherited the post after the 1990 World Cup in Italy, when England reached the semi-final. This success provoked suggestions that Bobby Robson, the manager, might be persuaded to stay on. "He's not my kind of manager, I wouldn't want to work with him." Swales said. rejecting the idea. Instead, his

committee appointed Graham

Taylor. It did not turn out to be

an inspired choice. The son of an Ardwick fishmonger, Peter John Swales made his money with a chain of television shops in partnership with Noel White, later briefly the chairman of Liverpool and Swales's own successor as chairman of the FA's international committee. They sold out their TV shops

At the same time, they had built Altrincham, their local team, into one of the most powerful non-league sides,

and their involvement in local football provided the power base for their rise through the ranks of the Football Association.

A chance meeting with two Manchester City directors led to Swales being invited to join the board. As always, the City board was subject to bouts of feuding, and in 1973, soon after joining, Swales became the club's chairman as a compromise candidate. United were about to be relegated and City had just enjoyed their most successful spell in modem times. But the managerial partnership of Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison had already been soured, so Swales's inheritance was less secure than it looked.

His first two managers, Johnny Hart, who retired through ill-health, and Ron Saunders enjoyed only brief tenures; but Swales had more luck with Tony Book, who won the Football League Cup in 1976, the only trophy of Swales's chairmanship.

But the advantages of stability were lost on Swales, whose impatient desire to compete with United, now restored to the First Division, led him to recali Malcolm Allison. Allison broke up a good side and a series of ill-judged forays into the transfer market took City to the brink of the Second Division and penury.

For a time the club remained in dire straits financially. The lesson of that only narrowly averted catastrophe bit deep, and Swales never again relaxed the purse strings, leaving City increasingly unable to hold their own in the top league. As managers came and went, City were relegated twice in the 1980s.

When Swales did find a good manager, his tendency to interfere did not help. Howard Kendall returned to Everton after stabilising the club on the field. Peter Reid took an ordinary team to 5th, 5th and 9th, but became increasingly frustrated at Swales's refusal to allow him to compete in the transfer market. He was sacked after making his dis-sent public. Letting Peter Reid go was my biggest mistake," Swales confessed only a week ago.

It was also his last as far as Manchester City weres con-cerned. Public anger was channelled into protest and demonstrations of support for Francis Lee, a star of the 1960s' and 1970s' team. When Swales's mother allegedly also became the target of attacks, he prudently decided to relin-quish his hold. He never went back to the ground.

Yet he still had his position on the FA council, although the failure of Graham Taylor did not help his reputation and he was bypassed when Terry Venables was appointed. It did not dampen his optimism. "You could make it known that I'd be willing to take over from Bert Millichip (the retiring president of the FA)," he told a friendly journalist earlier this year. His heart attack ensured that that remained an unfulfilled ambition.

He is survived by his wife Brenda and three daughters.

SCOTT DOUGLAS

Scott Douglas, dancer emphysema in Manhattan on March 26 aged 68. He was born in El Paso, Texas, on June 16, 1927.

AT NINE years old, little immy Hicks, the sheriff's son from El Paso, Texas, was dready touring and performing in public as a tap dancer on the Orpheum Circuit. But he grew up during the Second World War, and it was only after service in the US Navy that he really began his career. Under his stage name, Scott Douglas, he found international fame, though he never lost his Southern drawl, nor his pride in his home state.

His serious studies began in Los Angeles, learning the modern dance techniques of both Ruth St Denis and Lester Horton: After two years he switched to ballet classes with William Christensen in San Francisco and became a member of the San Francisco Ballet it 1948, soon earning promofon as a leading dancer.

By 1950, Douglas was ready to move to New York to join the American Ballet Theatre in time for its second European tour. The company was



to be his main base for many years to come, and with it he travelled all over the world, dancing an unusually wide Lake, Act II, Tancredi in The

from his manly bearing.

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Douglas had the strength of

technique needed to take such contrasting leading parts as that in Ashton's Les Patineurs which is all cheeky razzle-dazzle, and that of Balanchine's Theme and Variations with its Olympian elegance. Equally he had the strength of personality and dramatic flair for many noted character parts, where the devastatingly handsome face he showed in his classic roles could crack into a wide grin or a dark scowl as needed.

In Billy The Kid he played at different times both Billy and his adversary. Pat Garren. Similarly in Rodeo he switched between the sunny Champion Roper and his darker rival, the Head Wrangler. Having played the wimpish fiancé in Ballet Theatre's premiere of Miss Julie. he later appeared as the proud, obsessed Jean. He was Mitch in Valerie Bettis's A Streetcar Named Desire, and one of the sailors in Robbins's Fancy Free. Among the choreographers who created roles for him were Glen Tetlev in Ricercare, Kenneth MacMil-

lan in Journey, and Antony

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Combat and Paris in Helen Tudor in Offenbach in the Underworld. He also Mercutio in Tudor's Romeo and Juliet and Tudor's own former role as the Friend in Pillar of Fire.

Douglas danced, too, as guest star for the Metropolitan Opera, and with Nora Kaye at the Spoleto Festival, In 1961, he toured Europe with Jerome Robbins's Ballets: USA, dancing in Moves, The Cage Afternoon of a Faun, and both the male leads in Interplay. He also took time out in 1963-64 to dance with the Dutch National Ballet.

During the 1960s, Douglas turned increasingly to working as a teacher and ballet master, for Ballet Theatre and the Netherlands Dance Theatre among others. He often worked in association with the choreographer Glen Tetley. who was his close companion off stage too. When Tetley gathered together his own company for an international tour in 1969, Douglas was one of the leading dancers, especially notable for his sinister smile and cat-like tread as

Brighella in Piertot Lunaire. Douglas tried his hand at choreography, creating works for the Hamburg State Opera and the Norwegian National Ballet among others. But, although he showed a theatrical flair, his invariable kindness and generosity made him subordinate his own creative possibilities to his backstage work, quietly helping others (both choreographer and dancers) to achieve the brilliant effect which in earlier years he had manifested in his

own dancing. He is survived by his companion of many years, Glen Tetley.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL J. F. ROBERTS Air Vice-Marshal J. F. Roberts, CB, CBE, former Director-General of RAF Ground Training. died on April 20 aged 83.

> ROBBIE" ROBERTS, as he was known throughout the RAF, could have chosen any one of three careers, not the least of which was that of a first-class cricketer. He played as an amateur for Glamorgan and the MCC before the war. against teams which included such players as Wally Hammond and Harold Larwood. He scored 47 as an amateur in his first match for Glamorgan and once took part in a recordbreaking opening partnership with Willie Jones.

Roberts, no doubt wisely.

He was born on February

24, 1913.

decided against making a career of his favourite sport and qualified instead as a chartered accountant - before turning to his third option, the RAF. He continued to play cricket, for the RAF and Combined Services, and helped to coach and encourage promising youngsters. Among those whose careers he nurtured was a young National Serviceman and fellow Welshman, Tony Lewis. Roberts subsequently derived much pleasure from, and took pride in, following Lewis's success as he went on to captain Glamorgan and then England - and to become a familiar face on television.

John Frederick Roberts was born at Pontardawe in the



Swansea valley, the youngest son of the chief engineer at a local steelworks. Frederick, as he was always called at home, left Pontardawe Grammar School to become articled to an accountancy firm in Swansea, qualifying in 1936.

Two years later he joined the RAF's accountancy branch, soon moving on to general administration. During the war he was mentioned in dispatches for his work with the Middle East headquarters staff in Cairo.

In the early 1950s he also served in Aden for a while before becoming an instructor the RAF Staff College, Bracknell. After that he was made Senior Air Staff Officer at the RAF Records Office.

Between 1960 and 1962 Roberts returned to his original brief as an accountant, as Deputy Controller Budget and Finance at Nato's Allied Forces Central Europe headquarters in Fontainebleau near Paris. Then, after a short tour as station commander at RAF Uxbridge, he was promoted Director of Personal Services (Air) at the Ministry of Defence.

As such he was closely involved in planning Sir Winston Churchill's funeral, 31 years ago, and was also concerned with the RAF's contribution to the Royal Tournament, In 1966, however, he took over as Director-General of Ground Training.

On retiring Roberts returned to his beloved Wales and to work as a chartered accountant in charge of the Swansea office of the Deloitte company. He retired for the second time ten years later at the age of 65.

While retaining his passion for cricket, often wearing his MCC tie, Roberts also became an above average golfer with a handicap of eight while at his

peak. A small wiry man, he was immensely proud of his Welsh heritage. He loved the classlessness of the Welsh valleys where ability and integrity mattered most. An unassuming, kindly figure, he never stood on ceremony or pulled

rank His first wife Win, a Warrington girl whom he met while a young officer stationed at RAF Padgate, died in 1968 just as he retired from the RAF. In 1976 he married his second wife Pamela, a widow with two children of her own. He is survived by her and by a son from his first marriage.

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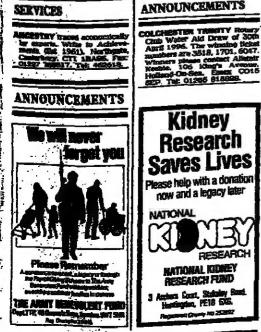
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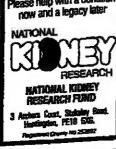
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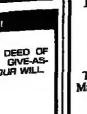
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REVIEWERS WHO DO NOT READ

MOCK TRIAL FOR THE KING'S FUND The first of a new series of mock trials, held

in aid of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, took place yesterday evening in the Theatre of the London School of Economics. MR THEOBALD MATHEW, the Recorder of Maidstone, presided and four literary critics--Miss Rebecca West, Mrs. Sylvia Lynd, Mr. Raiph Straus and Mr. J.B.Priestley-"defendants" against a charge of "Not "defendants" against a charge of "Not Reading Books." While Miss West and Mrs. Lynd formally pleaded "Not Guilty", Mr. Straus at first refused to plead. Mr. Priestley pleaded "Guilty" with extremely extenuating circumstances.

The prosecuting counsel, Mr. Philip Guedalla, who declared that he conducted the case of behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Readers, accusede the defendants of an offence of total illiteracy under the Vagrancy Act, of writing (the male defendants at least) without visible means of support, and of steady debasement of the critical currency. The word masterpiece had come to be devoid of any meaning, especially on Sundays. The term distinguished had come to mean dull. and so tepid an adjective as good had come to

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At this mock trial, four well-known literary critics were charged with "Not Reading Books . J.B. Priestley, who pleaded guilty with extremely extenuating circumstances, was sentenced to write a revue for C.B. Cochran and appear in the chorus.

mean bad. Mrs. Lynd said she did read books in the intervals of eating, dressing and driving a car, and got through much reading in traffic blocks; secondly, that if she did not read it, it was the fault of the authors for not compelling her, and finally, that it was on the whole fortunate for the authors if their books were not read. In her experience, they preferred to

he praised. Mr. Straus, whose evidence was subsequently described by both prosecuting counsel and Judge as "vulgar and offensive", delended himself with some violence, declaring that he doubted if the public wanted

criticism, and that editors certainly only wanted a story of the author's social connex-ions. He had only once used the word "masterpiece", and this was in reviewing a book of which he was both the publisher and (under another name) the author.

MR. MATHEW, sentenced Miss West to purchase, pay for and copy out, "Jessica's First Prayer"; Mrs. Lynd to purchase, pay for, and read all the works of Edgar Wallace; Mr. Straus to adopt some other career; and Mr. Priestley to write a revue for Mr Cochran and appear in the chorus.

MR. MACDONALD'S EYE OPERATION

The following bulletin was issued from 10. Downing Street yesterday morning:-In spite of all the precautions which were taken prior to the Prime Minister's visit to Geneva, and of the care taken during his work there, the communicous undertaken on his return lead us to

the definite opinion that an operation upon the right eye should not be further delayed. The condition of the left eye, which had already en operated on, is satisfact The Prime Minister's general health is excellent.

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Election and beyond.

battle to keep him.

Holiday exodus

ther at home

bean waterfall

Schools alarm

Release condemned Magistrates, police officers and

MPs from all parties condemned the release of Matthew Simmons,

the football hooligan...... Page 1

Tens of thousands of Britons head-

ed abroad for the May Day Bank

Holiday weekend after cold wea-

Farmers formally launched their

legal challenge to the European

Union's export ban in the High Court. They were joined by beef

and sheep exporters...... Page 2

Two holiday snapshots showed

how a freak wave drowned two

unsuspecting tourists at a Carib-

More than 2,000 schools on the

brink of failing their pupils are to

be named and inspected every

stations supplied with coal

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Waterfall tragedy

Farmers' challenge

SECTIONS

Ginny Dougary meets frightening actor

Him indoors: Does it make

Great outdoors: 24 pages

WEEKEND

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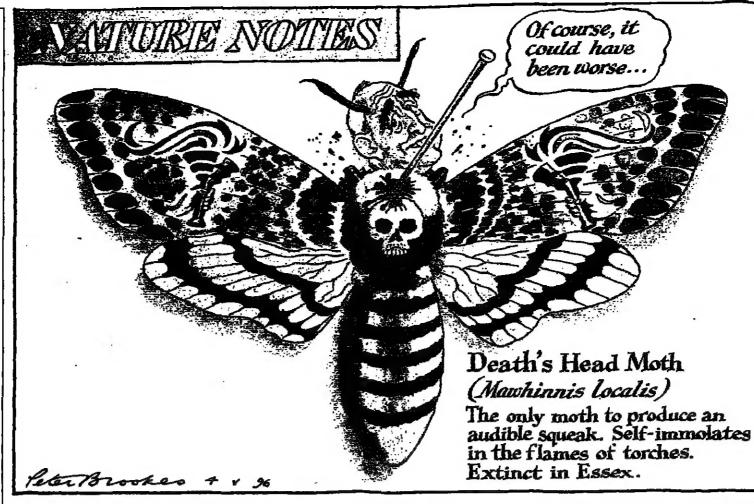
Win: TV and video, multi-

da, Cyprus......Page-

for happy families?

25 Rubbish in filthy water (5). D D V H M ATTHETUME B U R C R IMPLY KNUT

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: C H Bramwell, Hexham, Nothumberland; F Nash, Kidlington, Oxon: M Gordon, Chesham, Buckinghamshire; L Bruce, Newton Abbot, South Devon; A M Carcary, Montrose, Angus.



CEINION Major possibilities: Nobody can pretend that the results were good news for the Conservatives. But there will be no more such tests until the election. Tories may begin the slow trudge back...... Page 19 Balance in justice: In his efforts to modernise Lord Taylor of Gosforth has not always trod cautiously. But he has displayed a confidence, integrity and intelli-

ACCEPTED TO THE Farm food; European nation state; Middle East.... Page 19

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of the local election results for the Government is bad but not disastrous. There will not be a meltdown of the Conservative Party Page 18 OBITUARIES

Kenneth Baker: The verdict

Emile Habibi, writer; Peter Swales, of Manchester City; Scott Douglas, ballet dancer.

FORECAST

Crowd pleaser: Virginia Bottomley believes that it is crucial to break down barriers that stop millions of people from enjoying the arts, says

Richard Morrison.... Page 15

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Potter memory: A TV play — Blue Remembered Hills, in which adults play seven-yearolds — has been staged by the National Theatre Page 15 LSO prodigy: At 20, Daniel Harding is believed to be the

youngest person to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra. He took charge of the Takemitsu tribute concert at the Barbican... ... Page 17 BUSINESS

Jobs: 5,000 may be cut after a merger between Royal and Sun Alliance.... Page 23 Power: The City is anticipating a fresh E1.8 billion bid for Midlands Electricity after the company confirmed that it was in talks with a potential bidder Page 23 Labour: Leaders of the Insti-

tute of Directorshave voted a Labour activist on to the governing council Page 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 24.8 to 3751.6. Sterling was at 83.7 rising from \$1.4997 to \$1.5028 and falling to

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dunnit the championship of England will be decided on the final turn of the Rugby: Richmond have offered Scott Quinnell, the former Wales back-row forward, a £200,000, three-year deal to leave Racing: Bosra Sham, favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, has a 50-50 chance of running Page 40

SPORT

Footbail: Like a good who-

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> the Country, Wednesday, BBC2, 9.50pm Misrule, Mon. BBC1, 9pm

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,159

Hitler's engines hold the Bosnia line

■ Steam engines that were once used on Hitler's eastern front

have been restored by British engineers to haul trainloads of coal

in Bosnia. They have been taken from sidings and museums and

set to work to become a lifeline for central Bosnia, keeping power

NEWS -

Woman priest case

A council's arts and museums officer was made redundant after

she became one of the first women

to be ordained, an industrial tribu-

Four people who were wrongly

cleared of having the Aids virus by

a faulty test have been told they

Chinese dissident free

Liu Gang, once China's third

"most wanted" political dissident,

has escaped to America ... Page 12

A UN inquiry has found that

Hezbollah guerrillas were shelter-

ing in a Lebanon base when Israel

A Vatican official joined a former

minister to say that Rome was ill-

prepared for an "invasion" of 40

million pilgrims for the millenni-

um celebrations Page 14

Millennium invasion

Hezbollah sanctuary

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Aids test mistakes

nal was told

are HIV positive.....

Defiant Major fights on for a year A battered but defiant John Major declared that he would

lead the Conservatives on a long haul into the next General

Thursday's local election results were among the worst for any

governing party, leaving the Tories wiped out in several parts of the country. But the outcome was still not the cataclysm that

would have had MPs calling for Mr Major to go.. Pages 1, 8, 9 Boy ordered to leave 'adoptive' mother

🖪 A ten-year-old Zulu boy left Britain for South Africa last night to be reunited with his natural parents after the white woman he had come to regard as his mother lost an extraordinary custody

A limited edition, 1970 vintage bottle of Aberlour single malt whisky, the only malt whisky to have twice won the prestigious Gold Medal and Pot Still Trophy at the International Wine & Spirit Competition, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London El 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

I One who incites rabble in combat or disorder (S).

5 Striker's merits set out (6). 10 Guardsmen on fatigues? (9.6). 11 Why sulk. one may ask - it's just a drop in the ocean (4-3).

12 Illiberal Southern state in ruins after reform (7). 13 Lay drunk and impervious (8). 15 Animal in book - a pig? (5).

18 A state of agitation - but not hot afterwards (5). 20 Colourful building material that's

23 Legendary bird caught in low part of Africa (7).

25 Provide care for a small charge 26 Soul in political broadcast? That'll

27 Barber-shop quartets, perhaps? They're not professionally trained 28 Such a disposition could be mili-

tant (8).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,153

1 Indian's turn, changing blades (6). 2 Plan for obscene work of art (9). 3 Smoke produced as hot core disintegrates (7).

4 Appropriate business training (5). 6 Gypsy turns up, and is joining company for folk-dancing (7).

7 Charge about right for fish (5). 8 King's drunk retsina in hamper 9 Allowed to be let in (8).

14 Grotesque figure spouting from the gutter (8). 16 Taking over to terminate sitting, say (9).

17 Trainer's predecessor as linesman? (8). 19 Make new use of song series

supporting religious education (7). 21 Spring back, about March (7). 22 Smart youth leader is not giving

much away (6). 24 Cross note about abstainer (5).

ETIMES WEATRERCAL

☐ General: England and Wales will have a cold and trosty start. The morning will be sunny and mainly dry. Greater London
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Norfolk, Sufficik, Cambe. but showers are expected to develop with most places likely to have one or two during the afternoon. It will feel rather chilly. Later showers will peter West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent Shrope, Herefds & Words Central Midlands East Midlands In Scotland and Northern Ireland frost will lift in moming sunshine and in the west many places will remain dry until late in the day. In the east there will be showers with sunny & S Yorks & Dates

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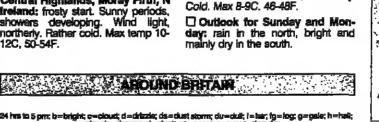
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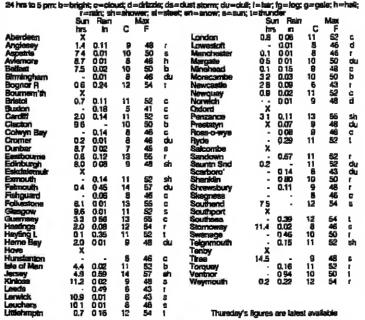
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☐ London, SE England, E Mid-lands, NW England, Lake District, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland: frosty start. Sunny periods, showers developing. Wind light, northerly. Rather cold. Max temp 10☐ E Anglia, E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with showers and surny intervals. Wind light or moderate, northerly. Cold. Mex temp 9-11C, 48-

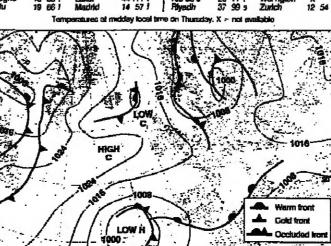
☐ Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man: trosty start. Sunny periods, scattering of showers by afternoon. Wind light, northerly. Cool. Mex 13C 55F.

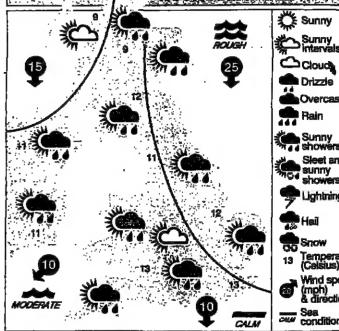
☐ NE Scotland, Argyli, NW Scotland: bright with sunny periods. Cloud increasing with patchy rain Winds moderate, northerly. Max 8-9C, 46-48F.





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